



BECOME A PERSON OF VICTORY – PART 3

SUMMARY:

This week, Transformation Church celebrated two extraordinary things. First, because of your generosity TC has been able to provide one million meals to our community since our founding. The second is that we are officially launching a TC Lake Wylie campus in 2024.

Crossing a milestone and beginning a new thing can produce a host of thoughts and emotions. “We did it!” and “How are we going to do it?” can lead us to feel excited and nervous, exhausted and energized. It is common to feel a range of emotions all at once. We can be steadfast in the midst of so much when we recognize that we are not strong enough to do it alone. But God is.

Pastor Derwin reminded us that no matter what, God has won the victory. And we have been invited to participate in His victory by putting on the full armor of God: truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the Spirit of God. When we wear this armor, we aren’t cowering in fear and hiding in a defensive posture. We have nothing to fear. The enemy is afraid of us! We are on mission with God to join the work of Jesus to defeat the enemy and bring the hope of Christ’s salvation to the world.

How does seeing this battle as an epic victory help you to see yourself correctly?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Most of us don’t typically fight in true life or death situations. But it’s likely you do step into conflict or combative situations. *When you know you’re about to step into conflict, what are some things you do to arm yourself?*

Read Ephesians 6:10-13.

Paul encourages us to put on the full armor of God. What would happen if you only put on partial armor? (Think of Pastor Derwin’s illustration of not wearing the belt of truth)

What does it mean that our struggle is not against flesh and blood?

Read Ephesians 6:14-15.

Look down at your shoes, what purpose do they fulfill? What kind of shoes would you wear to a battle?

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These shoes are the gospel of peace? What purpose does peace have in a fight?

Read Romans 5:1.

Who brings peace and how do we receive it?

Read Ephesians 6:16-17.

What kind of shield would you want if you were in a battle?

What does this verse say the shield protects us from? What are the flaming arrows you have experienced?

What part of the body does a helmet protect? Why is it important?

How is salvation like a helmet?

Read Ephesians 6:17-20.

How do you use a sword in battle?

Why is the Spirit like a sword?

Prayer and the Word are our sword. How do you use these in your daily life?

End your time by praying the words of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. 10 May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.