

Good Hope Foundations: Part 9 – The Victory Message

- It's about getting the victory!
- Said another way: God gives us power to overcome. We should not settle for a life of perpetual failure and frustration.
 - Romans 12:21 and Galatians 5:1
- We know God wins in the long run. We believe to win now too.
- We believe in breaking chains.
 - Matt 10:7-8, Matt 28:18-20
 - If someone is sick we pray for healing. That's what Jesus did.
 - Likewise with financial, relational, spiritual issues etc.
- On the "Prosperity Gospel."
 - We believe in prosperity. However, we don't believe in the shallow idea that God is the ticket to satisfying your selfish covetous sinful nature!
 - Matthew 6:33 is the clearest (financial) prosperity verse in my opinion.
 - There is the gift of giving. (Rom 12:8) This involves having more money than most people. Not everyone will have that gift.
- 3 general types of suffering and how we respond.
 - For your own sin – Repent!
 - Don't stay there! That's not where you belong. This can include guilt, broken relationships, financial problems, sickness, etc.
 - Don't think God is putting you through this; you are.
 - Because of the Curse – Resist!
 - Sickness, poverty, disaster, aging, pain, death, etc. Resist this and believe to overcome according to the promises of the Bible.
 - Because of the War – Rejoice!
 - Serving God isn't always a super fun time. Persecution and attacks can come. Don't cry, you've finally gotten to a place where you are getting something done! Be glad for that.
 - Seriously though, we've got it easy in the USA.
 - They key is to know the difference! The first two aren't God's will.
- Just because something happened doesn't mean that it was God's will. (Lord's prayer, 2 Peter 3:9, Romans 12:2)
 - Implications of this false doctrine regarding the character of God.
 - Implications regarding resisting bad things.
 - Failure is not victory in disguise.
- Enforce the victory rather than unwittingly submit to the devil or the curse.
 - God is good, the Devil is bad. (John 10:10) Don't be fooled into thinking that what the Devil is doing is actually God's blessings in disguise.
 - Christians can get hyper critical and negative. This leads to forgetting who the enemy is and fighting with people instead of the devil.
 - Quit the blame game. Many forms of this.
 - It's not a sin to be sick, to be poor, etc.
- Let's stay in faith even in the midst of imperfections and disappointments.
 - If this stuff happened without effort we wouldn't be told to overcome.
 - Talk faith rather than failure.