



Sunday, May 30th, 2021

Series: "Living by Faith"

TWCC Sermon Connection Outline: "Faith Equals Victory"

1 John 5:1 - 8 (NLT) - "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ²We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For every child of God defeats this evil world, and **we achieve this victory through our faith.** ⁵And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. ⁷So we have these three witnesses— ⁸the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree. ⁹Since we believe human testimony, surely we can believe the greater testimony that comes from God. And God has testified about his Son. ¹⁰All who believe in the Son of God know in their hearts that this testimony is true. Those who don't believe this are actually calling God a liar because they don't believe what God has testified about his Son."

- **1 John 5:4 (TPT)** - "You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world."
- **1 John 5:4 (The VOICE)** - "Everything that has been fathered by God overcomes the *corrupt* world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith."
- These Verses reveal to us the importance of: _____ in the Jesus Christ the Son of God. In other words, _____ in His finished works, His death, His burial, His resurrection, and His exaltation as Lord, Savior, and Redeemer. These Verses of Scripture also reveal to us the key to _____ - our _____.
- Our focus and our faith in Christ's _____ enables, activates, and appropriates our _____.
- Our _____ Level determines our _____ Level! *If nothing defeated Jesus Christ, then because you are in Christ, nothing has to be permitted or allowed to **defeat, devastate, or destroy** you!*
- Let's read it again and let the Truths of God's Word sink and soak in: **Read 1John 5:1 - 5 (NKJV)**
- When you made Jesus the Lord of your life, you gained the biggest _____ of all—life over death. No person on this earth is immune to the persecution of the devil, or the problems, pressures, and pains of life, but God's Word is victorious! **If you are facing pain, tremendous pressure, difficult problems right now. Get God's wisdom concerning your situation:**
 - **Proverbs 4:7 (NLT)** - "Getting wisdom is the wisest thing you can do! And whatever else you do, develop good judgment."
 - **James 1:5 (NLT)** - "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."

4 STEPS TO VICTORY:

- The following four steps will put you in position to receive your _____.
- **1st Step: Make the _____:** *I will not* be defeated in life, and *I will not* quit. *I will receive* from God! **Romans 8:37 (NLT)** - "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us."
 - This is a decision of quality, based on the promises found in God's Word, from which there is no retreat.
 - Unfortunately, people have _____, but they can't seem to make a quality _____ to believe and receive from God. Friends, we must come to realize and understanding this question: *Will we make our quality **DECISIONS** or will our **INDECISIONS***

