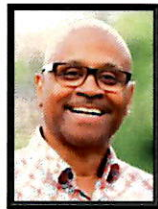


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### Living Above Your Circumstance



Eric Susberry  
Pastor

Being on top in life is much better than living life at the bottom. As a Believer in Christ and in this world, it is God's will that you live victoriously, in spite of the challenges we all face daily.

One of my favorite scriptures on this subject is found in II Corinthians 2:14, "Thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph in Christ".

Not triumph some of the time or most of the time, but triumph all the time. Oh, I can't tell you how many times that scripture has snatched victory out of satan's jaws of defeat on my behalf. The bible assures us that Jesus is a Victor and that you and I can share in His Victories!

Since the beginning of mankind, whenever God's people depend on Him alone, He gave them victory over their enemies. Satan thought he won the ultimate victory at the cross, where Jesus died for the world's sins. Instead

that death released our chains and set us free from sin (Colossians 2:13-15), allowing us to live on top of this world with the corruption in it and everything satan will try and throw at us, including the kitchen sink.

Now, in order to make living on top a reality in your life, I suggest you do three major things I do, according to the Word of God that has tremendously helped me. First, focus as much of your attention on experiencing Jesus through His Word each day.

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### Wisdom is needed to do Life Successfully



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It is clear that many people are living their life without the wisdom to do it successfully. As a result they are living unprofitable lives and making bad decisions.

Wisdom enables you to make good decisions and to navigate properly throughout every aspect of life. God gives us wisdom through His Word.

Proverbs 4:7 - "Wisdom is the principal thing (divine insight concerning how we

should live and what brings success); therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting get understanding."

It has been said that wisdom is learning how to take the knowledge given and applying it to our lives in a workable manner so that it benefits us and the lives of others.

It is also said, "Wisdom is the quality of having good judgement based on knowledge." Everyone needs wisdom.

Wisdom is essential and required for success in life. Wisdom is needed in a person's daily decision making. As you and I

make decisions in life we should be praying, "Lord give me wisdom," because without it you will act foolishly.

If a person wants to live in a way that pleases God, he/she must operate in wisdom.

Wisdom comes from the Word of God and through a few conduits like your father or mother, a pastor or leader, a preached message, a friend, or a life experience. The Bible even says "Wisdom cries in the street" (Proverbs 1:20). We are to listen for the wisdom\* of the Holy Spirit.

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Articles by the Pastors
- Article by Jayson Homer
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GET BEHIND  
ME SATAN

## Living Above...cont.

I've been saying to Victory, that if you want to live a happy and joyous journey as a believer, tell satan to "Get behind you!" Jesus said it to one of His disciples (Peter), who was ignorantly being used by satan.

Satan who has been around a long time and is very subtle will try to bring distractions, deceptions, anxieties, issues, storms, temptations, forebodings, fear, worries and a host of other things into your mind to try and cause you to feel alone, incompetent, isolated and condemning.

Don't let satan burden you down with these thoughts and feelings, rather make a quality decision to get into the Word of God each day and allow the Word get in your mind (meditating on it) until you start experiencing and sensing God's peace, joy, and presence. James 4:7 says, "Submit yourself to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you".

Secondly, sing praises to God and listen to Christian

music that glorifies the Lord. I can still remember coming home from school as a little boy and hearing my mother listening to Moody's WMBI Christian radio station.

That helped take my mother's mind off the problems of the day and put her mind on the problem solver.

When you sing praises to God and listen to gospel music, you're not only singing a happy tune, you are reestablishing the Word of God in your heart and mind. In addition, you are maturing in Christ and glorifying the Lord, not to mention you are bringing God and His sovereign power in on the scene in your time of need.

Lastly, make sure you are in church as much as possible. Hebrews 10:24 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the

day approaching". Oh, how often I hear almost every Sunday the testimonies of how much more a blessing it is to be back in church worshipping God as opposed to watching Victory by online.

Biblically, fellowship in church is not about cookies and punch, or social gatherings where you simply say "Hello there" and a few moments later say "Good-bye". No, being in church means the mutual sharing of the life of Christ between His family members.

So, in closing, God's will is that in spite of all the things that are going on, in and around us, you can live on top in victory by,

1. Letting satan know he has to get behind you.
2. Sing songs of praise & worship and listening to God glorifying music and,
3. Be a regular attendant in God's house each week.

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving"

## Wisdom...cont.

The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food.

The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune.

He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime.

But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.

"I've been thinking," I know how valuable the stone is, but I want you to give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone. (Author Unknown)

Wisdom caused her to give him the stone. Had she said no, she could have lost her life! She made the wise decision and saved her life and gained the precious stone! May we endeavor to walk in the wisdom of God!

*"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."*

*Proverbs 4:7  
NKJV*

The circumstances of life will present opportunities to act as a wise or foolish person. There is one of two ways to travel through life, wisely or foolishly.

Life constantly presents decisions to make! When you don't know the way to go, cry out for wisdom; she will answer.

I want to close with a story called "The Wise Woman's Stone." A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream.



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## ***Praise and Worship*** ***~Jayson Homer***

As a member of Victory in Christ Kingdom, I serve on the amazing praise and worship team. Offstage I am a singer/song writer, whose goal is to push for praises of God through song.

This year I will release my first album *Healed*. It is an 8 song album that tells the story of my life and how at every pivotal moment God was there to heal me and propel me into my future.

Being a singer and worship leader brings me joy because I get to

experience God moving through me in song to bless people.

I get to see burdens lifted firsthand. I am honored for the opportunity to stand in Victory, week after week and see the power of God move through song.

Praise and worship to me is a duty we as believers have, it is more than a small part we do on Sunday and Wednesday; it's a lifestyle. Psalm 115:1 says, "not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and

faithfulness."

I take this call very seriously because I want to be able to help lead people into the presence of God and create an atmosphere that is conducive for the spirit of God to come in.

And to set the tone before our pastor gets up; making it comfortable for him to deliver what God has given him.

Praise and worship sets the tone for the spirit to move freely and I am pleased to serve at Victory in this capacity.

## **Introducing Victory in Christ Kingdom**

### **Grief Sharing Class**

**Begins September 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**7pm to 9pm**

**(13 week course, see Sis Patty for details)**

\*please contact the church for more information on how to register for the class (limited amount of spots)

## ***Weekly Bible Studies***

### **Young Adult Elevate Bible Study**



**Every Thursday at  
7pm on Zoom\*!**

### **Children's Ministry Bible Study**



**Every Monday at  
6pm on Zoom!**

### **Teen's Ministry Living Proof Bible Study**



**Every Sunday at  
3pm on Google Meet!**

\*Please contact the church for more information regarding all electronic meetings; answering service is 24/7.

Dear Mother Eunice, I know God wants me to turn to him in times of great trouble and this might seem like a silly question, but do you think God gets tired of hearing my smaller, day-to-day requests?

There's a hymn that I love whose lyrics go like this: *what a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.* We, as believers in Christ Jesus, have been given the privilege, nay, the very honor of being able to bring anything that we carry, big or small, to the feet of Jesus.

One of the many ways the Bible affirms this is in 1 Peter 5:7 where it says to cast your care upon Him, for He cares for you. God cares about the small things. He doesn't want you to hold onto anything that makes you anxious. If the situation causes you the slightest hint of fear, then it's big enough.

Don't let Satan convince you that just because the problem you're facing is small, it isn't important to God. It doesn't mean that God is our genie, there for us to rub when we want something. But it means that out of His great love for us, He wants to answer our prayers. Even more than that, He wants us to rely upon Him to answer our prayers. For oftentimes, it is out of the answers to our "little" prayers that great faith is born.



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### SERVICE TIMES

#### Sunday Service\*

at: 8:00 am

at: 10:00 am

#### Midweek Service

Wednesday at 7pm

\*The Nursery & Children's  
church is open during  
Sunday 10a service.

## Want to Know More About Our Church?



Praise God we paid off our  
church in 2019 and now we can  
do some much needed repairs  
to our church building!  
Don't forget to finish your  
Building Fund Pledge!

### Weekly Intercessory Prayer Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Morning Prayer

10:00am - 11:00am

Every Tuesday

Evening Prayer 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Prayer Conference Call

Every Friday

Men's Prayer

7:30pm - 9:30pm

At Church

Every Saturday

7:00am - 8:30am

At Church While Maintaining

Social Distancing Guidelines

Fast Day Every Tuesday

Fast until Noon

**Sunday Bible School  
classes are  
temporarily  
suspended due to  
the Covid-19  
Pandemic.**

**We hope to see you  
once classes resume!**



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