

GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN ME

1 John 4:4, ***“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”***

To hear many Christians talk, you would think the one who is “less” is on the inside of them. No, the One who is “more,” the greater One is on the inside of us. This should be the heart cry of every believer, “The greater One lives within me, and He who dwells within me causes me to triumph in every circumstance of life.” It is because of the greater One who lives within me that I am victorious. It is because of the greater One who lives within me that that I am successful. Some people would say this is bragging. This certainly isn’t bragging on yourself, it is bragging on God and His ability. You’re not saying what you can do but what the Almighty God in you can and is doing.

We should make it a habit to continually declare that the greater One in us makes us victorious. When we declare this, we are lining our words up with God’s words. We are giving God a place to work in our lives when we speak what He has told us to speak. This is not presumption it is obedience to His Word. Presumption is to assume something, but that is not the case. We are acting on what we know to be true and declaring it to be so. Start to declare openly (in obedience to God’s word) that the greater One will cause me to overcome. I will not fail but will put my faith in. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, ***“But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, ‘I believed and therefore I spoke,’ we also believe and therefore speak.*** This will open the way for the greater One to rise up inside of you. When we do this we magnify Him and open the door for Him to give us enlightenment, direction, revelation, healing to our bodies, and help and comfort in every situation of life.

We all face life's trials, yet we can take great comfort in the fact that the Holy Spirit has taken up residence within us. He's always present to help, not just when we feel like it but always - whether we feel like it or not. Our faith cannot be based on our feelings. It must be based on what we know to be the truth of God's Word. I would encourage you not to look to the circumstances but to look to the greater one within you. It is all too easy to take our eyes off the one who has set us free and to dwell on the negative circumstances that we face. Look on the inside, where the greater one dwells, not to the outside circumstances.

Remember, regardless of the circumstances you have victory on the inside of you, if you will just give Him the opportunity to work on your behalf. As our opening Scripture declares. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. You are of God. Begin to meditate on this until it is so real that nothing can take it from you, and know that as God's child you have been called to succeed. God doesn't want His children beat up and run down. Just the opposite is true. However we must begin to realise it and walk in the light of it.

God's Word tells us that the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us. Romans 8:11, ***"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."*** This is not just any spirit, but the very same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead" Yes, He dwells in us and will give life to our mortal bodies! This promise is talking about the here and now, our mortal bodies not our resurrected bodies that we will have in Heaven. We won't need our bodies quickened when we are in Heaven. We need it now. This is part of the Covenant that has been purchased for us. Along with the forgiveness of sin, we also have the healing of our bodies.

Start to declare it out of your mouth and believe it in your heart. How can we expect to walk in God's best if we won't acknowledge God's best? God's best is here for us. It has been freely given. Let us acknowledge it to be true and begin to walk in this new creation reality. The Apostle Paul said...

“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known” (1 Corinthians 13:11-12). We don't have all revelation now, but we can begin to get God's revelation and start to walk in it. We must start somewhere, and now is as good a place as any to begin. The Apostle Paul had great revelation of the mystery of the Gospel, yet this mystery was not just for him. It was given to him for us all, so that we can know who we are and walk in the reality of what God has called us to be.

I truly believe that most Christians ignore the supernatural in search of the spectacular. Right on the inside of them is the Supernatural One. The One who has all the answers. The One who can lead and guide us into all truth. The Holy Spirit always leads us, He never pressures or pushes us. This is contrary to what many Christians believe. The truth is that the Holy Spirit is a Gentleman. He is our guide. If we will not follow Him He will never force us. The Word says He will lead us and guide us into all truth. Our part to play in this is to be obedient and teachable, to have a willing heart to follow after God - wherever He leads us. Isaiah 1:19 promises, ***“If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”*** We see that a willing attitude and obedience will bring the kind of results that God wants for us.

We have no right to complain and say, "Why hasn't God done this for me?" I certainly don't have all the answers but I know that there are reasons for everything. We have a part to play in this just as the Lord has His part to play. He always honours His end of the deal. If we want to declare to all that we are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus, then we must begin to get the right results. We must walk in the light of the revealed Word of God and acknowledge His truth above all other circumstances.

"Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world!" Another translation says, ***"But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater (mightier) than the spirit who lives in the world."*** I would like to encourage you to begin to look to the greater One within. He's always there to help. He's our helper, our comforter, and our guide. He is a great gift to us. If you are in Christ Jesus then the Holy Spirit is dwelling within you. However if you have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Saviour, then you need to take the first step and ask Him into your life. He will be happy to oblige, and He will never leave you or forsake you.