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Winning at life?

Main problem is: We are happy with just getting by!

Colossians 1:27–29 (NKJV) ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of <u>this</u> <u>mystery</u> among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

How can Christ live in us and yet we live struggling lives? Christ in us should be more than a theology, it should be a present reality!!!

• "Even now, abiding within our spirits, deeper and more profound than our church doctrines, is the actual Spirit of Christ. The consequence of this union of Christ's Spirit with our spirits expands the original seven Creation days into the eighth day. We are new creatures in a new creation (Gal. 6:15). In this new beginning to God's eternal plan, Jesus Christ is the firstborn of a new race of men (1 Cor. 15:45)." Francis Frangipane

Stand on the hill - seated in the heavenlies

Exodus 17:8 (NKJV) 8 Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

• God gave them victory over the Amalekites and Moses built an altar called Jehovah Nissi, the Lord our Banner, the Lord our Victor.

Exodus 17:9–11 (NKJV) ⁹ And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." ¹⁰ So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

- Top of the hill? To win the battle in the valley, we need to be positioned on top of the hill. The top of the hill represents "the heavenlies".
- Heavenlies? The "heavenlies" are the spiritual atmosphere over a place. Moses took up a place of authority over that place and Israel won because of that.
- We win when we take up our place in the heavenlies.

Ascend the Hill of the Lord

Psalm 24:3–6 (NKJV) ³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or <u>who</u> may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has <u>clean hands</u> and <u>a pure heart</u>, Who has <u>not lifted up his soul to an idol</u>, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah

- Clean hands no blatant sinfulness & worldliness.
- Pure heart pure motivation
- Not lifted up his soul to an idol other stuff that are too important to us.
- Ascend the hill? Win the battle for your heart and mind. Be possessed with Him.
- Not perfection! We do not become holy by the works of the flesh, but by the power of grace.

Raise your hands - actively press in

- Where do you live? lower levels or on the hill of the Lord where God prepares everything for you.
- Holding up your arms You win the battles in the prayer closet. You win the battles when <u>you are in</u> the Word and appropriate it for yourself.
- **Use what God has put in your hands. You have sufficient grace for the next step of obedience.

Ascend the hill daily.

Leaning on others

Exodus 17:12 (NKJV) ¹² But Moses' hands <u>became heavy</u>; so they <u>took a stone</u> and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and <u>his hands were steady</u> until the going down of the sun.

- Leaning on others: You cannot do it alone! Ask for help.
- Pray for one another. In the small groups, accountability with friends. Cover one another in prayer!

You have overcome

1 John 4:4 (NKJV) ⁴ You are of God, little children, and <u>have overcome them</u>, because He who is <u>in you is greater</u> than he who is in the world.

"Our salvation is nothing less than the Perfect One dwelling in the imperfect ones, the Almighty abiding in the feeble, the All-Sufficient God dwelling among insufficient people. This is the mystery and glory of our salvation: Christ in His completeness has extended Himself into our lives!

Crucial to the success of His mission is our receiving these truths with faith, determining that they shall be our reality, not just our theology." Francis Frangipane

- 1. Stand on the hill daily (take up your place)
- 2. Raise your hands (actively press into God)
- 3. Lean on others (you cannot make it alone)

Commitment: I will ascend the hill of the Lord - daily.