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Prophetic Strength January 9, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

I heard the Lord say, "I am increasing you in strength. I am making you strong in Me, for I am strength. All strength is in me. I am pouring prophetic strength into you. This is an equipping strength that breaks through. It is a strength that cuts into the new without buckling. It is a leading edge strength."

This is a strength that prevails and overcomes. It is an inner quality that is demonstrated on the outside as being unstoppable and unmovable in your assignment.

Everything that Satan did in the Garden was to usurp strength from mankind. In the beginning man prevailed by the strength God instilled. In the strength of God man had dominion; this was God's divine order for living.

Genesis 1.26-28

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸God blessed them; and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over** the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- Man was given dominion.
- There was no conflict. There was no fear or battle with the environment or the animals or anything in the realm of the Garden God had placed man in.
- There was an intrinsic strength God put in mankind for them to prevail over all things in their environment.
- There was no battleground in the Garden.
- They were given strength to extend their God-given dominion in the earth. God had commanded them to fill the earth. They had the strength to break into new territory and bring it under God's order.
- When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, this created a battleground in them. Fear entered their hearts and reasoning entered their minds.



2 Corinthians 6.2-7

Behold, **now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"**—³ giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited,⁴ but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,⁵ in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,⁶ in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,⁷ in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left

- In this scripture Paul is describing the supernatural prophetic strength that God has given.
- It is a prevailing strength that breaks into the new.
- It is strength that endures and perseveres.
- It is linked to weapons of righteousness in right hand and the left.
- Regardless of all that was hurled at Paul, every circumstance, every hurdle, every obstacle, every imprisonment, every beating, every shipwreck, every resistance put up by the forces of darkness there was a supernatural prophetic strength that was given to Paul that was stronger than everything that tried to resist him and his assignment to advance the Kingdom of God.

John 16.33

These things I have spoken to you, so that **in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.**

- This is a reestablishing of God's divine order.
- There is a new strength through Jesus that has overcome the world and the powers of darkness.
- This strength was not accessible through the Law and the Prophets.
- This strength comes through Jesus.
- It is a supernatural strength to overcome and break through.
- This is the dynamic of advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth.
- This is the dynamic of accessing every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.
- There will be tribulation or resistance – hard places – but in Christ there is strength to break through and advance.

1 John 5.4-5

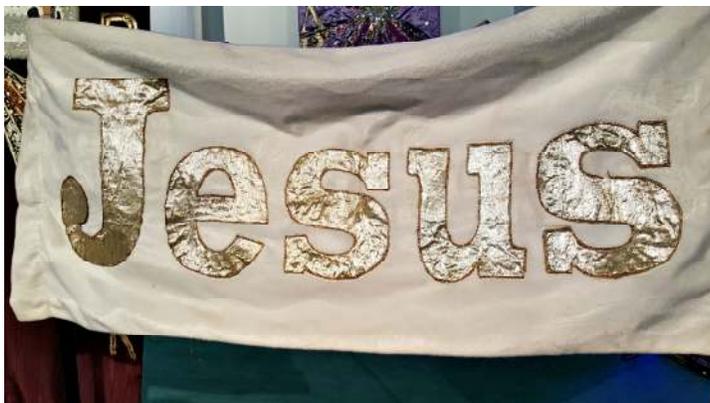
⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

⁵ Who is the one who overcomes the world, but **he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

1 John 5.19-20

¹⁹ **We know that we are of God,** and that the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come, and has **given us understanding** so that we may **know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.** This is the true God and eternal life.

- God gives us understanding – this is a time of revelation knowledge.
- We are being given understanding of who God is and who we are in Him in unprecedented ways.
- In this understanding and knowledge is a dimension of prophetic strength being released in and through us.



Jesus said that in the world we may have tribulation. Tribulation is defined as pressure; metaphorically oppression, affliction, distress. The enemy would try to persuade us that these places of tribulation are places of victory for the enemy. Satan brings oppression and distress over cities, nations, people groups, families, institutions, businesses, government and the like. This is how Satan controls and manipulates. This is the pathway for evil.

Jesus said for us to take courage – in courage there is strength – HE HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD!! We are not held by the bondage of the world, but we have been set free. We are seated far above powers and principalities. Our strength in Christ cannot be usurped or taken away. Satan has been eternally defeated. Christ has all dominion and power. Even though gross darkness covers the earth, God’s command to us is to arise and shine because our LIGHT has come and the GLORY of the Lord rises upon us! There is nothing impossible for God! The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it. Time is in His hands. He is giving us strategy to take back our city. Accompanying the strategy is prophetic strength – right now, cutting through and forming the new strength!

Satan wants to railroad us. Metaphorically to railroad means to coerce, trick or seduce into a course of action that they would not otherwise choose. The powers of darkness want to control our city by keeping the light of God out. But we redefine railroad giving a new prophetic definition:

“RAILROAD”

- R** Reverent feat and worship, awe of the Lord
- A** Adoration to our King Jesus
- I** Intentional wisdom making prudence my dwelling
- L** Liberty to see God’s glory
- R** Righteous reigning
- O** Ovation, outburst of joy unspeakable
- A** Atonement to the nations
- D** Deeper, deeper still

Ephesians 2.10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Christina Wilson

We are God’s workmanship – we are a new creation in Christ Jesus. We are endowed with power and strength to do what we are commanded to do. We have been commanded to be fruitful, multiply and subdue the earth. This is a command to take back our city, our families, our neighborhoods. Every place that our foot treads is ours to take back. We go into our city with purpose and strength. We are focused and on assignment. We decree and declare Your Kingdom come and Your will be done in our city as it is in heaven!



The battle has been won. Satan is defeated. Detroit belongs to the Lord! We plunder the camp of the enemy street by street and house by house to take back what is ours – the city and all that is in it!