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This Is How I Fight My Battles March 12, 2019 Suzi Armstrong

Through the finished work of the cross we fight our battles from a place of victory. This means that the battle has already been won. The enemy had been defeated. As believers we have been crowned, or set apart in victory. We wear the victory of Jesus. Victory is our stance. We come from a place of victory, a place of overcoming because the Overcomer lives in us.

A crown represents royal power or governmental authority. The placement of a crown on one's head indicated that one is set apart for a specific role. A crown represents what covers us – we are covered and enveloped in victory. We carry the victory of Christ in us. In keeping with the victory of Christ we have been seated with Him in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in this present age but also in the one to come (Eph 1.21). And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head [crown] over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way (Eph 1.22-23).

Victory permeates and fills every aspect. Victory is the government of God. When we are born again we are born into victory. Victory is in our DNA. Victory is our reality – we are crowned with victory. The presence of God is filled with His victory. Victory is His name. He is the All Powerful One. The Commander! The mighty Lord of the angel armies (Psa 46.7). Victory is in our bones. Victory not only crowns us but we are structured and rooted in victory.

Colossians 2.6-10 NIV

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in [victory] him, ⁷ rooted and built up in [victory] him, strengthened in the [victory] faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive [and out of victory] through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness [victory]. He is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 3.1-4 NIV

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ [in victory], set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above [victory], not on earthly things.

³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



Galatians 3.1-3 NIV

¹You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?



There are bewitching spirits at work in the earth. Pushing against us, trying to usurp the victory of Christ in our lives and the authority we have been given to extend victory in the name of Jesus.

Bewitching spirits come to malign by false accusation and false representation.

They slander and seduce.

They assert themselves through an inferior authority (the devil) but portray themselves as superior. Bewitching spirits come to slander and malign the victory of Jesus.

Bewitching spirits can capture our city, culture, people groups holding them captive to manipulation and control.

The Spirit of the Lord says, arise and shine in the victory of Jesus. Take back your families, take back your city. You have been given (crowned with) the victory. Not by might or power but by the Spirit, says the Lord. What are you, O mighty mountain that comes to block the victory of the Lord? You will become level ground. This is our opportune time to take back what had been stolen.

Deuteronomy 20.1-4 NIV Reworded for Detroit

¹Detroit, when you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of bondage will be with you. ²When you are about to go into battle, the church shall come forward and address the army. ³He shall say: "Hear Detroit: Today you are going into battle against your enemies. Do not be fainthearted or afraid; do not panic or be terrified by them. ⁴For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you, Detroit, to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory."

Exodus 14.13-20, 29-31 NIV Reworded for Detroit

¹³To Detroit: "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The enemies you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."

¹⁵Then the Lord said to church in Detroit, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people of Detroit to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the people of the city can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷I will harden the hearts of your enemies so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through the enemy and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸Your enemies will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through him, his chariots and his horsemen."

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Detroit, withdrew and went behind the city. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind the city, ²⁰ coming between the armies of the enemy and Detroit. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²⁹ Detroit went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on the right and on the left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Detroit from the hands of its enemies, and Detroit saw their enemies lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when Detroit saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against its enemies, the people of the city feared the Lord and put their trust in him.

Detroit, God has given you victory. And He will continue to fight for you bringing you into your destiny as a city of influence. You will resound the sound of God's victory to the nations of the earth.

Detroit, receive the VICTORY OF THE LORD!

This is a time to rise up in victory. The sound of war is over Detroit. The enemy wants to overtake Detroit.

But the Lord says, "Today is the day of MY VICTORY!"

