



The Victory of Surrender

Matthew 10:38-39

Mark 9:35

Intro:

Each of us carefully plan our lives as we feel best. We want to be real Christians and follow Christ. We want to live lives in accord and harmony with God's Word, yet many times the concepts of success and victory are closely tied to what the world around us calls success.

To be blessed is having life's finer things. A nice house, a new car, fine clothes, a great job, and LOTS of Money.

To have victory is when everything goes our way. When everything works out as we wanted and planned for it to. Victory is overcoming obstacles to get where we want to be or to become what we desire.

Often however the disciples were surprised at the way Jesus spoke about the matters of life, success and victory. Jesus spoke and taught a powerful but little understood concept,...

"THE VICTORY OF SURRENDER"

I. The way we look at life

A. Physical life

1. Our possessions

- a. Very dear to us
- b. Misplaced Priorities
- c. A source of Pride

2. Our attitude about the physical

- a. Back to Greece, body was worshiped
- b. Physical excellence rewarded \$\$\$
- c. Ball players making 120 million for
a 5 year contract

B. Spiritual life

1. Our priorities

- a. Often not on the spiritual
- b. Often not on our relationship with
the Lord Jesus Christ

c. Often not on being in the house of God

2. Our attitude about the Spiritual

- a. It's good when needed
- b. It works if it works for me
- c. It is great when it's convenient
- d. It cost more than it pays - Not true
- e. If it interferes with our plans

II. The Biblical examples we have

A. Paul

1. Had a lot going for Him both physically and spiritually

- a. Pharisee
- b. Learned at the feet of Gamaliel
- c. Had notoriety for his zealous fight against the Christians

2. Had a powerful experience which changed his life forever

- a. On the road to Damascus to prosecute more Christians
- b. God got his attention
- c. God made him look at things differently by blinding him
- d. When he changed his thinking and decided to look at life the right way
God restored his sight, washed his sins away, and filled him with the Spirit of God
- e. He then went into the desert to be alone with the Lord for a period of time before he returned to Damascus and then on to Jerusalem
- e. When he began to serve God it was not easy, he was rejected and feared
- f. Barnabus alone believed him at first and brought him before the leaders and spoke in his behalf

g. Paul went through a lot in his service
to the Lord but considered it a
privilege to serve God

We hold much of the things of this life dear to our hearts. If we lost everything we had attained and still have God, how would we react. I wonder if I could say like Paul in Phillipians 3:7-14

PHI 3:7 -14 “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

B. Job

1. Had a lot going for him, he was truly blessed of God, Physically
& Spiritually
2. God was proud of Job, wouldn't it be great to have your name
mentioned
by the Lord as an example of someone
who loves God and serves God
3. The enemy of our soul had to get God's
permission to touch Job. God gave it.
4. Would we be someone God could trust enough to give Satan permission to afflict us and know we would still love and serve God
even in difficult times?
5. Job lost all that he had in a series of
tragedies. He was forced to re evaluate
his life and came to this conclusion...

JOB 1:20-22 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.”

6. Could we do as well if it happened to us?
7. It's easy to look back and say Job ended up with 2x as much in the end, but so
often we gripe with God when one circumstance of our life doesn't go just the way we planned.

C. Jesus

1. Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's
Prayer, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done...” yet we really want our own way

2. Jesus had to fight a similar battle but He
emerged “Victorious by surrender” to God’s
will -

MAT 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

III. The Conclusion

A. Are we willing to surrender to God’s will or will we still push for our own
consequences? regardless of the

B. Will we surrender to the Lord in order to be
Victorious in this life?

C. Everything we receive from God comes through surrender

1. Grace and Forgiveness by Repentance

- comes by changing our thinking and
way of life and submitting to God

2. Remission of Sins by Baptism

- comes by a willingness to be buried
by baptism under the water... Placing
our lives in the hands of the one doing
the baptism as well as in God’s hands

3. The Holy Ghost

- comes by surrender to God’s Spirit
allowing Him to speak through us and
giving Him the control of our lives

4. Our answers to prayer come by our
surrender to his will and his service

Let’s yield ourselves today to the moving of God’s presence in this place as we either for the 1st time or the 1000th
time place our lives in God’s hands once again. Let’s make Jesus the real Lord and Master of our
lives!