

HEAVEN ON EARTH

SERMON TITLE:

No Retreat! No Surrender!

DATE:

13 September 2020

WORD

Read 1 John 5:4-5

We are not called to retreat!

Jesus said: Occupy and Increase until I come!

WHAT IS IT THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD?

- Our *aggressive* **FAITH in HIS WORD** brings victory over the world, providing a **spiritual weapon** by which we can combat both the temptations and the persecutions of a godless society. The other weapon is **PRAYER**.
- “The greatest of Christian warriors is measured not by scars on his back but bruises on his knees”

BECAUSE OF JESUS YOU ARE DESTINED TO WIN! He overcame:

Temptation, sin, satan, evil spirits, all powers, the world and death!

THE BIBLE SAYS:

- **1 John 4:4** – greater is He in me!
- **Romans 8:37** – we are more than conquerors!
- **1 Corinthians 15:57** – God always gives us victory!
- **Revelation 12:11** – overcome by the blood of the lamb, word of our testimony, and **not** loving our lives to the death!

HOW DID JESUS WIN?

- ① By **obeying the written word**
- ② By his **death on the cross**
- ③ By **God’s authority**
- ④ By **speaking the word**

THIS IS WAR!

Read Ephesians 6:10-13

- The devil piles on persistent pressure to wear down our resistance to stand and weaken our will to fight.
- The enemy wants to stop you exercising your faith.
- This is a wrestling match in the spirit. It’s intense and personal, and to the death (**John 10:10**).
- **Who’s going to win?**
- The last one standing is the one who wins.

YOUR PERSISTANCE WEARS DOWN THE DEVIL’S RESISTANCE!

- You should use relentless pressure of faith to wear down the enemy.
- Persist until all opposition is broken and obtain the result.
- **Fight the good fight of faith!**
- **Give no territory! Hold the line!**
- **Stand** firmly against the devil!

Read James 4:7

IT IS WRITTEN!!!

The devil tried to wear down Jesus’s resistance through the temptations in the wilderness (**Luke 4:1-14**). **Jesus never left the devil unanswered.**

OWN NOTES:

Read 1 Samuel 17:8-11 & v16

- That's what the devil does. He does it **dat and night**.
- This is why we have to do what **Joshua 1:5-8** says – day and night. (#40 is often associated with the theme of **testing, trials and judgement**).
- The Word will be tried and tested for a season in your life.
- When you let the Word of God be the answer to your prayer, you are guaranteed the result!
- (1) Only the “sword of the Spirit” (**Ephesians 6:17**) is an offensive weapon; all the rest were used for defence.
- (2) No armour protects the back and rear;
Paul made no provision for running away from a spiritual battle.
- **And, my brother in Christ should have my back because we don't break rank!!**

The Persistent Widow

Read Luke 18:1-8

- She would not take “no” for an answer.
- She was relentless and insistent.
- She did not stop until she got what she wanted.
- She refused to give up.
- She tenaciously, stubbornly, and persistently kept coming and would not quit.

OWN NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 9:30am - Pastor Naas Vermaak Live on Facebook! – Invite your world to watch!

Ladies Prayer via Zoom with Pastor Wilna: Wednesday Morning @ 10:00
Thursday Evening @ 18:30

Prayer & Intercession via Zoom with Pastor Naas: Thursday Evening @ 18:30

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Encourage one another to keep inviting people to join your homecell and our services online.
Let's stay attentive to the needs of the people in our world.
Let's continue to be vigilant in WINNING THE LOST AT ANY COST!