



LONGINGS

WHAT WE'RE
ALL LOOKING FOR

THE LONGING FOR VICTORY

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***“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”* Isaiah 40:31 NIV**

***“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* John 16:33 NIV**

MAN’S VICTORY = IN THE ABSENCE OF ADVERSITY.

GOD’S VICTORY = IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY.

***“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”* Romans 8:37**

***“But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.”* 2 Cor. 2:14 NIV**

GOD CAN CHANGE MY CIRCUMSTANCES...GOD CAN CHANGE ME...GOD CAN CHANGE BOTH

GETTING THE WIN IN THE MIDST MEANS ...

Getting God right.

***Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”* Job 42:1-2 NIV**

***A centurion came to him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”* Matthew 8:5-10 NIV**

“These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.” Revelation 3:7 NIV

MY VIEW OF GOD SECURES MY VICTORY IN THE MIDST

Owning my place.

“You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” Job 42:3-6 NIV

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6

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HUMBLE MEANS CLOSELY CONNECTED TO GOD IN THE MIDST

- **Humility = positional**
- **Humility = essential**
- **Humility = beneficial**

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.” Psalm 40:1-3 NIV

PATIENT VS WHAT? → IMPATIENT → FEAR OR PRIDE → BREAKS CONNECTION WITH GOD

IMPATIENCE (BORN OF FEAR OR PRIDE) SABOTAGES GOD’S VICTORY

HUMILITY ALWAYS SECURES GOD’S VICTORY BECAUSE IT KEEPS ME CLOSELY CONNECTED TO HIM

Let God use you.

“So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has.” So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite did what the LORD told them; and the LORD accepted Job’s prayer.” Job 42:8-9 NIV

“If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.” Matthew 5:41 NIV

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21 NIV

LIFTING BURDENS LEADS TO SHIFTING ATTITUDES IN THE MIDST

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.” 1 Cor. 15:10 NIV

Don’t limit God.

“After Job had prayed for his friends, the LORD restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. All his brothers and sisters and everyone who had known him before came and ate with him in his house. They comforted and consoled him over all the trouble the LORD had brought on him, and each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part.” Job 42:10-12 NIV

- **TO THAT POINT ... NOTHING HAD CHANGED CIRCUMSTANTIALLY**
- **BUT AFTER JOB GOT GOD RIGHT, OWNED HIS PLACE, & LET GOD USE HIM ... THE UNLIMITED RESOURCES OF GOD FLOWED INTO, ONTO, AND OVER JOB’S LIFE IN A WAY THAT FAR SURPASSED WHAT HE COULD HAVE IMAGINED**
- **GOD CHANGED JOB AND DECIDES TO CHANGE HIS CIRCUMSTANCES TOO**

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” Ephesians 3:20

GOD’S IMAGINING HIS BEST IN THE MIDST OF THE WORST

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:6-9 NIV

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.” Hebrews 13:15 NIV