

Advancing the Kingdom

Matthew 11:12

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” ~ Romans 12:1-2

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Luke 12:22-44

While we're waiting on God to do something, He's waiting on us because He's already given us what we need to overcome the world and all of the power of the devil

In Christ we have:

- *Salvation*
- *Certain victory over every kind of evil, sickness, sin, hell, death, and demons*
- *The indwelling of the Holy Spirit*
- *The spirit of power, love, and a sound mind*
- *The spirit of wisdom, revelation and knowledge*
- *Supernatural spiritual gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit*
- *The promise of God to supply all of our needs*
- *Grace that is sufficient for everything that we will ever face*
- *The promise that all things work together for good for those that love Him*
- *All of the delegated authority of Jesus Christ to bring about His Kingdom here on earth*

*How can we lead an overcoming,
victorious life that is full of passion,
truth, purpose, and meaning?*

#1 Focus on Jesus

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” ~ Heb. 12:1-3

#2 *Listen for His voice*

- *God speaks through the Bible*
- *God speaks through the creation*
- *God speaks through our thoughts*
- *God speaks through conversations with other people*
- *God speaks through our circumstances*
- *God speaks in dreams, visions, and prophecy*
- *God speaks through the inner voice of the Holy Spirit, spirit to spirit*
- *God speaks through Jesus – the incarnate Word*

John 10:27, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”*

Rev. 3:20, *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”*

If God is speaking, why don't we
always hear Him?

Psalm 46:10, *"Be still and know that I am
God; I will be exalted among the nations, I
will be exalted in the earth."*

#3

Obey

“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 (NKJV)

Jesus said, “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.” ~ Matt. 11:12 (NIV)

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