

PATHWAY

a Wesleyan church

April 15, 2018

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When God wins, He wins big time. This is no overtime, squeak-it-out victory. When God wins the battle, the contest is over.

With each painful step to Calvary, Jesus was taking on “the principalities and powers” that waved “the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.” Satan had an open-and-shut case against us—we were toast. But Colossians 2:14 tells us that when Jesus won the victory on the cross, “He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it”. It’s like, “BEAT YOU!” That’s the way God wins. I love that because I really like winning. When it came to settling our eternal destiny, God’s not like, “Well, good game.” He’s like, in your face, standing on your chest, “You LOST! Just like I TOLD you!” That’s the way God wins.

We can almost hear the joyful shouts of the former slaves looking back toward the sea that has closed over the Egyptian army that had been in hot pursuit of Israel. Game over! “Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously. . . ” (Exodus 15:1) Miriam sang it over and over (see Exodus 15:21). It’s never about our victories; it’s about God’s victory for us.

Romans 8:37 says, “. . . we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” We are super conquerors. God doesn’t just win, He crushes the enemy. That’s why you don’t want to get in that battle yourself. This is why the battle that took place at the cross was entirely out of our hands. Jesus took on our debts, our sins, and our condition and defeated the eternal hold any of those things had on us. Through Him we are freely given a place in the conquering band that will celebrate victory forever! Allow yourself to live today in the glow of the victory that Jesus won for you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I admit I don’t usually feel much like a “super-conqueror” would feel. But I realize that the more I focus on what You have done, rather than worrying about what I have done, the more I sense the freedom to feel victorious. Thank You for being the decisive factor in every battle I face. Remind me to keep trusting You in the battles I face today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

James MacDonald: “Walk in the Word”

Coming Up

- Thursday - Saturday, May 3-5: Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis
- Sunday, May 6: Potluck and Local Annual Conference, immediately following 10:00 service

Announcements

- There will be a **Garage Sale Fundraiser for Cliff Curtis** that will run from Thursday, May 3 until Saturday, May 5 at the Ebenezer Center. Please contact Mary Pohl if you would like to donate items for the sale or help with set-up.
- Our **Local Annual Conference** will be held on Sunday, May 6. There will be a potluck lunch immediately following the service, and then the Annual Conference will begin. All are welcome to attend the conference, but only members may vote. Please see Pastor Mark for more details.
- It's almost summer, and **Branch Adventures** camps will be starting up soon! Please register soon if you plan on your child going to camp. For more information, Contact Caroline Dibaba or Kim Paton. This year's Branch Adventures schedule is:
 - Day Camp (going into grades 1-6) : June 11-15
 - Worship Camp (going into grades 6-12) : June 18-22
 - Horsemanship Camp (going into grades 1-9) : June 19-22
 - Adventure Camp (going into grades 6-9) : July 23-27

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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am
Wednesday: Supper's Ready, 5:00 pm
Wednesday: The ROCK, 6:00 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$0(0%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$10,545 (70%)