

We are Victorious!

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It all Begins in the Home

By Stacey Robinette

As I watch my children joyfully play throughout the house, imitating my actions and mannerisms, I'm reminded of what a great responsibility we have as parents to teach the whole gospel to the next generation. This charge begins in our homes as we "train up (our) child in the way he should go" (Proverbs 22:6).

One of the keys to taking the whole gospel, to the whole world by the whole church is living a consistent apostolic example in front of our children at home. We are the church, not only in the building where we worship, but also on vacation or wherever we may be. This is especially true at home where we are raising our children.

As parents, we have a great responsibility to ensure our homes are filled with godly principles for our children to follow. Knowing that little eyes are always watching, we must be careful to continue walking upright, steadfast, being living examples of the truth, holiness, and devotion unto Christ. (Read I Timothy 4:12-16.)

If our homes do not become a place of prayer and Bible training, we will continue to see the ungodly spirit of this generation seeping into the church. "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1).

- **Respect** begins in the home.

- **A love for God** begins in the home.
- **Compassion** for everyone begins in the home.
- **Prayer** begins in the home.
- **Holiness** begins in the home.
- **Purity** begins in the home.

Our children, should the Lord tarry, are the future of the church. When we as leaders, pastors, Sunday school teachers, mentors, and especially parents take time to invest in the spiritual development of our children, we will ensure that future generations will receive the gospel message.

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Victorious

By Jessica Marquez

Victorious. It is a word that we mutter under our breath as we face every sort of adversity and trial that comes our way. I *will* be victorious. It is almost as if we try to convince ourselves that we *will* overcome ... that our children *will* serve the Lord ... that our prodigal children *will* return home. Victorious.

The very definition of victorious causes us to pause:

- having achieved a victory; conquering; triumphant:
- having defeated an adversary:
- of, relating to, indicative of, or characterized by victory:

Victory. In order for me to be victorious, there must be victory. So let's break it down. Victory is:

- a success or triumph over an enemy in battle or war.
- an engagement ending in such triumph:
- the ultimate and decisive superiority in any battle or contest:
- a success or superior position achieved against any opponent, opposition, difficulty, etc.

Friends, whether we believe it or not, we are at war. In order to be victorious we *must* engage in that war for the lives of our children. We *must* hold on to the promises of God. "Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine"(I Chronicles 29:11).

Sometimes we don't understand why we face different circumstances in our lives. With our

natural eye, there is no explanation. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:57).

Two weeks ago one of my older saints came up to me weeping. She said, "Pastora, I've been evicted from my home. I don't know where I will lay my head tonight." This lady is a worshiper. She is faithful in everything. My heart broke as I saw her weep. I told her, "Don't worry. You can come and stay with me until God provides." She called me later that night to tell me her son had opened his home for her to live there - the same son she had been asking prayer for at every service for four years.

As I walked into service this past Sunday, the same sister came running up to me with a megawatt grin. This time she said, "Pastora, now that I live with my son, I have had the opportunity to share with my daughter-in-law the plan of salvation. She has asked to be baptized in the name of Jesus!

Evicted. Desperate. Heartbroken. Homeless. These are not words that are synonymous with victory. Oh, but when we have *faith*, it gives us *victory* over every situation.

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (I John 5:4).

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The Constant Jesus Prayer

By Sandra Hanscom

"For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him" (Matthew 6:8).

In every service I can remember as a child and a young person, there was a godly sister who softly prayed, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus," sometimes under her breath and sometimes louder, but never disturbing the service. She was used in the gifts of the Spirit and was a mighty prayer warrior.

Fortunately for me, she was my mother, a widow, single mom, and faithful to God every day of her life. I believe her spontaneous "Jesus Prayer" meant different things, without actually being specific, because God needs no explanation. He knows before you ask Him.

I recall different levels of her Jesus Prayer:

Forceful - **Jesus** - and a car accident was prevented.

Disappointed - **Jesus** - she cried when the pressure cooker exploded with the corn she canned but she was saved from the flying lid.

Sad - **Jesus** - when the auto mechanic took advantage of her but someone came to set it straight.

Hurt - **Jesus** - when her family didn't understand why she went to church.

Desperate - **Jesus** - upon receiving the news her backslidden daughter had been shot by her drunken husband and was paralyzed from the waist down. **Jesus**, spare her life so that she

can come back to You. And she did, but had to live out her life in a wheelchair.

Frantic - **Jesus** - when she received word from Pakistan that her grandson was in critical condition from a fall. It was her Jesus Prayer because she didn't know details or exactly how to pray. Later, learned God sent an angel to minister and heal him.

Good night - **Jesus, Jesus** - she said as she knelt down and started praying every night. I heard her ask, "Lord, forgive me if I've said or done anything today that has displeased You." I asked her why she said that, knowing she had done nothing wrong to anyone. She answered, "In case the Lord comes tonight, I must be ready."

Joyful - **Jesus** - after thirty-one years of living for God alone, God sent a man to love and care for her until the end of her life.

Besides her constant "Jesus Prayer," she maintained a consistent prayer relationship with the Lord. She had great faith and trusted God to answer.

At her funeral, I was quietly weeping when a sister leaned over said, "What we're missing in this service is Sister Mary's "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus." Now I have proudly claimed her "Jesus Prayer" as my inheritance. My children and grandchildren will hear this as long as I live.

Note: Sandra Hanscom has served together with her husband Rev. Don Hanscom as missionaries to the countries of Pakistan and Sri Lanka for 18 years, and for the past 20 years as the National Director of Multicultural Ministries, UPCI. Blessed with three children and nine grandchildren -seven generations Pentecost

A Word to the Handmaidens

In a recent Ladies Prayer International meeting, our director gave our group words that she had received in prayer from the Lord. I felt perhaps this would be an encouragement to other ladies as it was for us.

Tell My ladies of My love for them.
Tell them I care.
Tell them they are precious to Me.
Tell them I see the little things that matter to them.
Tell them I'm mindful of them.
Tell them that I am willing that they should not perish.
Tell them I've secured them the victory.
Tell them I've already overcome -
every obstacle
every trial
every woe
every word spoken against them
every thought, worry, or fret for tomorrow

I am your Victor . . .

I wear the Victor's crown and you are My Bride and I'm fighting for you.
Let Me be your God in every situation.
Try Me and know that I will be found faithful.
I will never leave you.
I will doubtless come again-bringing you home with Me.
(My heaven could use your touch.)

I'm waiting . . .

Are you willing to forsake all - envy, strife, worry, care, anxiety?

Are you willing to forsake all - so you can be with Me forever?
No more tears.
No more grief.
No more pain.
Free from all suffering, rejection, compromise forever!

I'm waiting . . .

Waiting for you to be with Me!
Oh, how I love you, care for you, long for you!
And, you Me?
I want it to be so.
Nothing is too hard for you with Me by your side.
I can and will see you through all things.
Nothing shall overcome you.
I am for you!

You are My Bride . . .

I love you and long for you to be by my side.
Come see Me, soon, to be together with Me forever.

What do you say to My longing?
Come a little higher.
Tarry a little longer.
But it shall be soon!
I long for you.

Believe Me when I tell you . . .you are Mine. I've chosen You!

Delivered by Cora Huffman
Submitted by Linda Gleason, UPCI Ladies Ministries President

From the Mailbox

Greetings Sis Debbie Akers,

I'm from Melbourne, Australia and my husband and I pastor a small church in the western suburbs. I am so thankful for the LPI monthly newsletter with all the encouraging articles and topics I receive. It is wonderful to know that among all the millions of women across the globe we face the same trials, hurt, disappointment, high and low seasons in life but there is a God!

I commend you and the team for compiling the articles and wanted to know our ladies have been blessed through this ministry. Please send me translations in Aramaic Indonesian and Tagalog.

We pray for you and this ministry. God bless you richly as you reach the world through this ministry.

-Sis Colleen Damons, Pentecostal Apostolic Faith Church, Werribee, Melbourne, Australia

From the Editor



Debbie Akers

God is doing mighty things! God is opening many doors and this newsletter is now available in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Arabic, Farsi, Czech, Chinese, Swahili, Hungarian, Tagalog, Indonesian, Romanian, Italian, Norwegian and Polish. Please help us pray for a Serbian, Bulgarian and Japanese translators.

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Who we are . . . Since 1999: Ladies Prayer Intl. is made up of women worldwide, who meet on the first Monday of each month to unite in focused prayer for their children and the children of the local church and community.

Our Mission . . . We are committed to the spiritual preservation of this generation and beyond and the spiritual restoration of previous generations.

Our Need . . . Committed women who will join together on the first Monday of each month and pray focused prayer for their children.

Three Priorities of Prayer...

- The salvation of our children (Isaiah 49:25; Psalm 144:12; Isaiah 43:5-6).
- That they take ownership of the faith at an accountable age (I John 2:25-28; James 1:25).
- That they enter into the ministry of the Lord's harvest (Matthew 9:38).



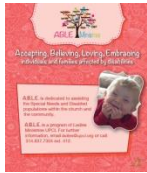
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