

Remnant Life Church  
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“Spiritual Warfare –  
Your Authority Given by Jesus”  
Pt 2  
Luke 10:17-20

- As a child of God, you have a God-given right to have victory in your life
  - When you invited Jesus to become Lord of your life, your spirit came back into union with God
  - I say “back into union” because that is how we were created to exist before sin
  - Becoming His child means you are a co-heir with Jesus
  - All the power given to the Son, is now available to you
  - The 70 who were sent out learned a truth that the church of the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs to be reminded of:
    - Do what God has told you to do with a boldness born of His presence in your life, and you will see the hand of God move, not only in that situation, but in your life as well
- Spiritual victories will bring the most satisfying joys in your life.
  - Because you are fulfilling, not only what Jesus sent these 70 out to do, but what He is still sending believers to do...
  - Heal the sick (spiritually, emotionally, relationally, as well as physically)
  - Just remember, the healing is not our doing, only that we are used as God’s instruments in His desire to see all come to Him
  - The reason they saw these things happen was they understood, that it was not them
  - ...even the demons submit to us IN YOUR NAME

V 18 – *He replied, “I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven.”*

- Some scholars view Jesus’ statement as His comment on what he saw while the 70 were out ministering for the Kingdom.
- But the grammar and the way Christians have interpreted Jesus’ statement through history does not support that interpretation.
  - Since the early centuries following the death of the final disciple John, the early church fathers regarded Jesus as referring to [Isaiah 14:12](#): “*How you have fallen from heaven, O morning Star, son of the dawn!*”
  - Luke’s grammar provides the construction: “I saw satan fall...”
    - *I saw* is in the imperfect tense meaning it is on-going, and the participle *fall* is in the aorist tense meaning the action is not yet complete.
  - What Jesus is saying is that He saw and continues to see satan falling from heaven
  - Jesus was not speaking of Satan being cast out at that precise moment, but that his power had been broken and that he was and still is subject to Jesus’ authority.
    - This is an important word for the Christian today
    - It is, once again, a part of your right, given by God through Jesus Christ, for you to have victory
  - It is a statement of triumph in the battle with satan and all evil.

**V 19** – *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

- It is interesting that the Apostle Paul saw this verse literally lived out in his own life
- **Acts 28:4-6** – Paul is shipwrecked on the island of Malta, near the center of the Mediterranean just south of Italy
  - While he was gathering wood for a fire he was bitten by a poisonous snake
  - The natives expected him to die but he did not and carried on as if nothing had happened
- Snakes and scorpions have been used as a representative of evil for a very long time
  - Jesus' own words state that we, as His followers, have dominion or power over them
  - It is Jesus, the name of Jesus, who has the actual authority over the demonic world, and He gives His authority to us.
    - When you were younger, suppose your father gave you his credit card to shop at the store. Your ability to purchase things wasn't based on your credit, but your father's credit.
- The authority we have in life, the authority we have over the demonic realm is something similar to using your dad's credit card, but there's no card, there's just a name.
  - That name is Jesus.
  - It's as if Jesus gives us His credit card to do battle
  - It is His authority, and it includes authority over the demonic realm in the name of Jesus Christ.
- What is it that the power of God, through the name of Jesus will overcome?
  - ALL the power of the enemy
  - Not much needs to be added to this for you to understand the meaning

**Romans 8:35–39** — *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**V 20** – *However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven*

- Jesus immediately warns the men of the quickest way to step out of the right way to serve God – PRIDE
- Here is the important lesson of understanding the difference between temporal and eternal
  - We tend to put far too much weight on things that are only important at the moment, (temporal – temporary) but are not important in eternity.
  - When we do that, it is the difficulties in life that will take too much of our attention. Paul wrote,
  - **2 Corinthians 4:16–18** — *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light*

*and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

- Our physical troubles are only temporary. When we compare it to an eternity in heaven, they will just appear as the smallest blip in the history of our lives.

Jesus is saying that you must take great caution not to get carried away in how the Lord is using your life

- Because subtly you can begin to take credit for the things that the Lord has done.
- This has been the downfall of every great and popular ministry over the last 200 years
  - Those who God is working through begin to accept the accolades of the people impacted by the ministry instead of giving all the glory to God
  - Those ministries will always, eventually come to ruin
  - We have seen it happen many times publicly and I have personally experienced that in a ministry I was familiar with
- We as God's people must always glorify God for any ways in which He has used our life.
  - We are God's servants
  - Does a servant ever get glory when they do their job?
- The seventy were rejoicing because of how they had been used rather than because of the great things that the Lord had done.

The greatest of those things is that our names, as His followers, are written in the Lamb's Book of Life meaning we will spend eternity with Him one day

- It is by the Hand of God and the words of Jesus that we have authority and power to be victorious every day against the enemy
- If you are not experiencing that victory regularly in your life...where do think the problem lies?