

The Heart of the Story

WEEK OF MAY 11, 2015

Victory Where You Stand

Life can be a whirlwind, can it not? We are all subject to “Circumstance”! We either rise as victors over our circumstance or fall as victims of that circumstance. The key to victory actually can be found in the meaning of the word, circumstance. “circum” means around or about & “stance” means stand. So circumstance actually means “things going on around where we stand! This understanding of the word helps us to become “victors” of our circumstance instead of “victims”. Let me explain...

There are many things in this world that are totally out of our control. We cannot control the economy, the weather, and as hard as it is for many of us...we cannot control the actions of others! But what we can control is where we stand! It is where we stand that dictates what effect the things going on around us will have on our day, our heart, our soul, our joy, our thoughts, our words and our actions. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 15:58, “*But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my brothers, stand*

firm. Let nothing move you.”

We are to let nothing move us—not hectic jobs, disobedient children, stubborn spouses, illnesses, hurtful people...NOTHING! Our stance in Christ give us victory over our circumstance!

Easier said than done, right?

We must strengthen our stand in Christ. It is a daily process of taking up our cross & relying on Him. It is a daily process of building our lives...our house on the rock—the rains may come, the streams may rise, the winds may blow & beat but we will remain standing. In the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 6, verses 10-18 Paul gives us specific instructions on how to strengthen our stand—

“Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand

against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh & blood, but against the rulers, against authorities, against the powers of this dark world & against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, & after you have done

everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with...

- 1) *The belt of truth buckled around your waist*
- 2) *The breastplate of righteousness in place*
- 3) *Your feet fitted with readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.*

In addition to all this, take...

- 1) *Up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*
- 2) *The helmet of salvation & the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.*
- 3) *And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers & requests.*

This is life sustaining armor against the circumstances of each day. This armor will give you strength as you stand in the midst of life!

And this is victory that will last!

“...because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12

Blessings,

Tammy

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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include

a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual

charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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