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## The bad news

### **John 16:33**

<sup>33</sup>"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

**Tribulation:** An annoying or frustrating or catastrophic event

## More "bad" news

### **2 Timothy 2:3-4**

<sup>3</sup>You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

## It gets worse

### **John 15:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup>"But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. <sup>22</sup>"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup>"He who hates Me hates My Father also.

## Victory in Christ

### **1 Corinthians 15:57**

<sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## At all times

### **2 Corinthians 2:14**

<sup>14</sup>Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

## In all things

### **Romans 8:37**

<sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

## The Victorious spirit

### Romans 8:11

<sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

### 2 Timothy 1:7

<sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

## Our battle

### Ephesians 6:12

<sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

### 1. Embrace God's purpose

#### 1 John 5:4

<sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

### 2. Be of good cheer

#### John 16:33

<sup>33</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.“

### 3. Choose life

#### Deuteronomy 30:19

<sup>19</sup>“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...”

### 4. Verbal culture

#### Proverbs 15:4

<sup>4</sup>A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

#### Proverbs 18:21

<sup>21</sup>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

#### Proverbs 21:23

<sup>23</sup>Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

#### James 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our

members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

**Luke 6:44-45**

<sup>44</sup>"For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.