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Victory in Troubled Times

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Text: 1 John 5:4

Opening Summary

In these dangerous times, you can have victory. We will talk about the requirements you must meet to win in dangerous times. Pay close attention as you study this lesson.

- I. Imbedded in the Scripture is God's supernatural ability. It is the power of God unto salvation (Gk. *soteria*) – rescue, safety, deliverance, and health (Rom. 1:16).
- II. You must have lots and lots of the Word of God implanted in you.
 - A. *Treasure* means *deposit*: It's like depositing money in your bank account (Luke 6:45).
 - B. What comes from your mouth is what you've been depositing in your heart.
 - C. You have what you say (Pro. 6:2; 18:21; Mark 11:23).
 - D. It's like the Twinkie. If you squeeze it, the cream oozes out all over your hand. Whenever trouble comes, the Word of God should come out of your mouth.
 - E. Idle means useless/empty. The day of judgment is the day of trouble (Mat. 12:36).
 - F. A verdict is rendered as a result of what comes out of your mouth.
- III. Hear the Word constantly day in and day out (Rom. 10:17).
 - A. Faith (i.e., trust and reliance) comes by consistently hearing the Word of God.
 - B. *Word* (Gk. *rhema*) means *spoken word*. Every day you are your own preacher.
 1. You can control your body with your mouth (James 3:1-2).
 2. You must know what Scripture to use that gives you that control.
 3. The bit, a small thing, controls the direction of the whole horse (James 3:3).
 4. The helm, a small thing, controls the direction of the whole ship (James 3:4).
 5. The tongue, a small thing, affects the whole human body (James 3:5-6).
 - C. Know this parable (Mark 4:13-20).
 1. You should take out the word to use it (Mark 4:21).
 2. God will open the truths of His Word for you (Mark 4:22).
 3. Do not elevate other things equal to or greater than the Word.
 4. Decide the Bible is God speaking to you.
 - D. Take heed to what you give audience (Mark 4:23-24).
 - E. You can give great credibility either to social movements or to the Word (Mark 4:24-25).
 - F. In these times, you will not be able to get away with things as before.
 - G. That ground is his spirit. In these times things will happen suddenly (Mark 4:26).
 - H. You may not have time to build yourself up.
 - I. He goes to bed, gets up and I always add "and praise the Lord" (Mark 4:27).
 - J. You grow and get better the more Word you put in your heart (Mark 4:28).
 - K. It comes every day through casting your bread every day (Ecc. 11:1).

- L. You become your own preacher every day.
 - M. You want what's in Rom 1:16 (Mark 4:29).
- IV. Allow God's will to manifest for you (Rom. 12:1).
- A. *Reasonable service* means *logical worship*.
 - B. Recognize your body is holy. Don't follow the trends (Rom. 12:2).
 - C. *Renovate* means *to strip off the old and put on something new*.
 - D. Speak the Word every day so you are not swayed by the world.
 - E. What worked before is not enough now. You must up your game.
 - F. Experiencing God's will isn't totally up to Him. You must allow it.
 - G. *Sound mind* means *disciplined and self-controlled mind* (2 Tim. 1:7).
 - H. Follow the kingdom way (Pro. 14:12).
 - I. Walk yourself through these steps when the storm hits.
 - J. You can build your house before the hurricane comes.
 - K. When bad news comes, ask yourself, "What does the Bible say about this?"
 - L. Find out God's way (Isa. 55:9; Mat. 6:33).
 - M. Having the Word in your heart is like having a parachute when everything else quits.
- V. Meditate the Word (Psalm 1:1-6).
- A. When you're hit with a storm and they say you have to die, find every scripture on the subject. Then meditate it day and night.
 - B. You may need to meditate the Word before you drink your coffee.
 - C. When you believe the Word, all things are possible for you (Mark 9:23).
 - D. You can produce 100-fold blessing (Mark 4:20, 29).
- VI. Do these requirements and your faith will grow exponentially (2 Thes. 1:3).
- A. Your love for others will super-abound.
 - B. *Worketh* means *made active and efficient* (Gal. 5:6).
 - C. Patience and faith go together (2 Thes. 1:4).
 1. *Patience* means *steadfast, not moved*, even as time goes by.
 2. Put the Word in your heart every day and you'll see harvest every day.
 3. These are the promises in the Word about wealth, health, protection (Heb. 6:12).
 4. Patience keeps your mind intact (Luke 21:19).
 5. Praise while you wait. *Wait* means to *meditate, praise, help someone else*.
 - D. Hope is your confident expectation (Rom. 8:25).
 - E. *Hear* implies *hearing and doing Jesus' sayings* (Luke 6:47).
 - F. The flood represents crazy times, end times.
 - G. *Vehemently* refers to *stack-attacks: multiple attacks all at once*.
 - H. If you don't build yourself up your house will be blown away (Luke 6:49).
 - I. The more ferocious things become, the more people will be offended and fall away.

Closing Summary

Walk yourself through these requirements to prepare for trouble. Do these things as a lifestyle. That is how you become a strong person of faith. You will see, with the Word of God implanted in your heart, you will have victory in troubled times.