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Voice of Triumph

"The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being."

Matthew 6:21, The Message

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BATTLES WON PRIVATELY ARE THE BASIS FOR ALL PUBLIC VICTORIES

This is what happens when you are bigger on the inside than on the outside. Intimately acquainted with the Lord, David led back-to-back victories while tending his father's sheep. He even outclassed lions and bears. You can't lose when God is your silent partner. David never changed who he relied on even in his fight with Goliath. On the day of battle, he was sent to deliver food to his enlisted brothers. David was too young to be in King Saul's army and too small to wear his armor. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are", 1 Corinthians 1:26-28. David only used what was familiar to him. Armed with his slingshot and stones, David ushered the God of the armies of Israel into the battle as his concealed weapon. Goliath, the enemy could not see his invisible conquering force. Having all doubts dissolved, David knew the same God who won while he was doing his chores at home would also conquer the battle for the nation. After the initial blow with the stone, David used the enemy's sword to cut off his headship. Many think the fight on the battlefield gave him national acclaim. In reality, the fixed fights no one else saw pulled him into his destiny. His praise enthroned God. He won as the shepherd boy with the king's anointing. "...Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world", 1 John 4:4. Never underestimate who you are in Christ. Never overestimate who you are without Christ.

JESUS FOUND HIMSELF IN THE WORD; IT BECAME AN INDELIBLE IMAGE

Being born into the world, Jesus had to rediscover His destiny as a human. As Jesus read the Old Testament (*Torah*), He found the script He was to live out. Like Isaiah 9:6-7, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this". The Word of God was the treasure of His heart. By twelve, He knew He was about God's business, so never left anything undone. He focused on the joy set before Him (God's vision); He never answered the contradiction that tried to bar Him. Unstoppable!

DON'T STAND IN THE WAY, BE THE WAY FOR GOD TO REIGN IN YOUR LIFE

(1) God has chosen us, but always leaves us the option to accept His choices. "Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to!" Ephesians 1:4-5. (2) As we place the Lord first and foremost everyday, we receive the best that can be done, not just the best that we can do. "Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best", Psalm 25:12. (3) We are God's conduit to flow His supernatural power through as we surrender our right of way. "Now glory be to God, who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes", Ephesians 3:20. (4) Trust God to be the only One on your right hand who always rules in your favor. "For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is on my right hand, that I should not be moved", Act 2:25.

Thought for Transformation

Jesus prepared 30 years for a 3-year ministry. He finished His earthly assignment receiving God's honor. "Preparation time is not wasted time", Mike Murdock. God's gentleness makes us great, but our meekness will keep us there. The more we learn, the more we realize what we really don't know.

On the Heels of Another

"Where there is no vision, the people perish", Proverbs 19:18. Dreams decay everyday if we remain struck in our comfort zone or trapped in another's. Years ago, I had written my vision statement, read it aloud every morning until last spring. When it seemed hopeless, I became unpredictable about it. In fall, I received a visual flash during prayer of where God plans to take me. It is far greater than my own word picture. Just magnifying one sentence, I foresaw the manifestation embedded in another's destiny. Everything came together when I was in the "place" God designed. Not one part had been cancelled out. First I discounted it because it was too unbelievable. Finally, I received it in faith. With renewed hope, I not only read it everyday, but I look for ways to come up higher in everything. Destiny is not really about me.