

10/31/21 Message

Part of Prayers for Victory
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Message: Ready for Battle

Series: Winning with Thanks

Recap: This is our third message in the series Prayers for Victory. In this series you'll be challenged to be equipped and ready for the battles you'll face in life. More than that, you'll be encouraged to shape your prayers knowing the battle is approaching... even before the battle rages!

Introduction

Do others describe you as a prayer warrior?

What is one word that describes you? Hopefully it's not worrier... complainer...

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

The Greek word for thank is 'eucharistia' – close to 'eucharist' the word we use for Lord's Supper.

Being thankful means you

- don't focus on the THINGS you are thankful for
- focus on the ONE you are thankful for

Joy of Thankfulness

- Thankfulness kills Satan's PLANS
- Thankfulness kills Satan's INFLUENCE
- Thankfulness kills Satan's CONTROL

God is BIG ENOUGH to solve our problems!

God wants us to change the way we THINK!

Deeper Message in Philippians 4

If you keep reading in Philippians 4, you see where Paul says (v8) to fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

In Philippians 4 (v9) he says – and keep doing it! Then God will be with you!

The Bible never says God won't put more on you than you can bear – it says God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear – that he will provide you a way out. There's a huge difference in the burdens of life and the temptations of life.

Life is tough and there will be situations you can't face alone, nor should you face them alone!

Face them with thanksgiving! Face them with God! Face them with the support of Godly people!

Win your battles with prayers of thanks!