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## No Force Can Oppose You

**1 Peter 3:22** — *Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.*

We end the week where Peter ends his argument: with Christ enthroned. He has suffered. He has died. He has descended. He has risen. He has proclaimed his victory. And now he sits at the right hand of God — the place of supreme authority — with every angel, every authority, and every power in submission to him.

This is the foundation on which Peter asks his readers to keep doing good and to suffer for it when they must. It is not a blind optimism that pretends suffering does not hurt. It is a rooted, anchored confidence in the outcome. The one who has subjected all things to himself is the one who calls us to follow him. And because of who he is — because of what he has already accomplished — there is no evil in this world that has the final word.

There is no machination of Satan. There is no diagnosis, no loss, no failure, no force of darkness that could ever ultimately oppose those who belong to Christ. Your Lord is Lord over everything. He has gone ahead of you into death and come back out the other side carrying the keys. The grave is empty. Hell has been proclaimed to. Every knee is bowing.

So this is what the Christian life looks like: we keep doing good. We love our neighbors with gentleness and respect. We speak truth in love. We suffer when we must and trust that it is not wasted. And we do all of this not because we are strong enough, but because our Lord has already won. The battle is real, but the outcome is settled. Go and live like it.

### Discussion Questions

1. Looking back over this week's devotions, what one truth from 1 Peter 3 has meant the most to you? Why?
2. How does the image of Christ enthroned — with all powers in subjection to him — change the way you face a difficult situation in your life right now?
3. What is one way your family wants to 'live like Christ has already won' in the coming week?

### Closing Prayer

*Lord, you are seated at the right hand of God, and all authority in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We are not fighting for victory — we are living from it. Help us to carry that truth into every ordinary moment of next week: the hard conversations, the small kindnesses, the quiet faithfulness that no one sees but you. We are yours, and you are Lord. That is enough. Amen.*

### Family Action Item

Close this week of devotions with a family prayer walk — around your home, your yard, or your neighborhood. As you walk, take turns naming things you are entrusting to Christ's lordship: relationships, fears, dreams, needs. End by praying together: 'Lord over all, we trust you with all of it.'