Deeper Life Program Habits of Life Sept 27, 2020

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WHO YOU SAY I AM

Verse 1:

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh, His love for me Oh, His love for me

Chorus 1:

Who the Son sets free Oh, is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes, I am

Verse 2:

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes, He died for me

Chorus 2:

In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes, I am

Bridge (x2):

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

SEE A VICTORY

Verse 1:

The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper When the darkness falls it won't prevail Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph My God will never fail My God will never fail

Chorus:

I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory
I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Verse 2:

There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus Every war He wages He will win I'm not backing down from any giant I know how this story ends I know how this story ends

Bridge:

You take what the enemy meant for evil,
And You turn it for good,
You turn it for good
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And You turn it for good,
You turn it for good

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MESSAGE: Habits of Life

Hebrews 10:24—25 (NIV) ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

I. The Big Picture

Beginning as a despised, illicit religious sect, Christianity endured 300 years of hostility to emerge as the dominant force in the Roman Empire. - **Everett Ferguson**, *Christianity Today*

Acts 8:1 (NIV) ¹ On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.

1 Peter 4:16 (NIV) 16...If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name."

The Church met in their difficulty

II. The Danger of The Season

A) A Last-Days Rut

Matthew 24:4, 12 (NIV) 4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you."

12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold

The danger is <u>coldheartedness</u>

B) Easy-Excuse Rut

Luke 14:16-19 (NIV) ¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

18 "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'

19 "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me."

III. Why We Gather

A) God's Power

Matthew 18:19–20 (NIV) ¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

B) Protection from Temptation

Luke 22:39—40 (NIV) ³⁹ Jesus went out as usual [his habit] to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

C) Confession and Forgiveness (ref Psalm 40:9-13)

Psalm 40:9; 11 (NIV) ⁹ I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know ¹¹ Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.

D) Comfort in Community

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

E) God's Word is Alive in Worship

Romans 12:1 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV) 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

CLOSING PRAYER

| This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen): |
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| ☐ Sat Rest ☐ Sun Catch Up!; Jer 18-22 ☐ Mon Acts 13:1-12; Jer 23-25 ☐ Tue Acts 14:1-28; Jer 26-29 |
| ☐ Wed Acts 15:1-21; Jer 30-31 ☐ Thur Acts 15:22-41; Jer 32-34 ☐ Fri Acts 16:1-15; Jer 35-37 ☐ Sat Rest |
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