

NUMBERS

Stand Up And Be Counted

Winning, Whinning, or Wandering?

CHAP 18 - 19

Book of Numbers - Victorious Life

1. Called to stand up & be counted
2. Our God is a god of order
3. We are all called to priestly service
4. We need to consider the cost
5. Our Walk determines winning or whining
6. Walk by the Spirit
7. Get rid of stinkin' thinkin'!
8. Faith over Fear

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- * He bore the responsibility for all sin once and for all on the cross
- * He was given this responsibility & we have be careful not to take this responsibility from him.
- * Hebrews 4:14-5-10
- * Hebrews 9:11-14
- * We are linked with him Matt. 11:28-30

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“11 It was he who gave some to be apostles,
some to be prophets, some to be evangelists,
and some to be pastors and teachers, 12 to
prepare God’s people for works of service, so
that the body of Christ may be built up 13
until we all reach unity in the faith and in the
knowledge of the Son of God and become
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fullness of Christ.” ~ *Ephesians 4:11-13 | NIV84*

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- * We are to have the mind of Christ
Phil. 2:1-11**
- * We share in his suffering so we can share in his glory!**
- * John 15:18-20 - nothing glamorous**

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“29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.”

~ *Philippians 1:29-30 | NIV84*

4. Ministry is a Gift & Privilege

- * Hard to see suffering as a gift, but we know that God is accomplishing something in us and others
- * James 1:1-4
- * Acts 5:41 - apostles rejoiced at being counted worthy to suffer & be disgraced for the name of Christ
- * Recognition of our salvation eternally & how God will reward us!

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- * Sharing in the physical offerings and blessings through the body of Christ
 - ◆ Early church - “no needs among them”
 - ◆ Potlucks, meal train, moving crews
- * Joy of being apart of people getting saved and baptized
- * Fruit of the Holy Spirit
- * Prayer, fellowship, & the Word

“34 ‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.’ 35 Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. 36 Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad”

~ *John 4:34-38 | NIV84*

“together. 37 Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. 38 I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

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- * Lev. 2:13 - They were to salt the grain offerings
- * Roman 12:1-2 - Living sacrifices
- * Matt. 5:13 - You are the salt of the earth
- * Col. 4:6 - Let your conversation be seasoned
- * 2 Timothy 1:13-14 - guard the good deposit

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- * Heb. 12:2 - Jesus the author & perfecter of our faith
- * Matt. 6:33 - seek first the Kingdom of heaven
- * Heb. 11:13-16 - never received what was promised...longed for something better
- * Phil. 3:7-11 - whatever was to my profit I consider loss...

“23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

~ Colossians 3:23-24 | NIV84

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- * Benevolence & generosity are the heart of our Heavenly Father - 2 Cor. 8:1-9 - Joy & enthusiasm, 2 Cor. 9:6-8
- * If forgiveness...if grace...if kindness...if love
- * We always are giving our "best part" ... not a competition
 - ◆ Don't want to fall in the trap of Cain vs. Abel

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- * A whole generation was going to die in the desert
- * In Christ there is a lot of spiritual death (Rom. 6:5-14)...sometimes we are confronted by past dead stuff.
- * Eph. 5:26-27 - Jesus desires to wash us with the water of the Word
- * 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 - confession & prayer

“who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood:”

~ 1 Peter 1:2 | NIV84

“11 “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

~ *Matthew 3:11* | *NIV84*

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