

PARTNER LETTER APRIL 2009

Dear Partner

THE VICTORY OF OUR FAITH

1 John 5:4 *For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.*

We all may face many problems and adversities in this world such as sickness, lack, fear, broken relationships, poverty, devils and demons etc; but we don't have to give in to them.

What is God's way to overcome all these hostilities of life?

Initially you should be born of God, or be born again [John 3:3], to be born of the Spirit of God [John 3:5], to be born of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God [1 Peter 1:23].

When we are born again, by believing God raised Jesus from the dead and confessing him as our Lord [Romans 10:9] our spirit is recreated by God. We become a new creation, spiritually [2 Corinthians 5:17], created by God in righteousness [2 Corinthians 5:21], and also true holiness [Ephesians 4:24].

Isn't that amazing! I imagine becoming a new creation, brand new on the inside. It's like putting a New Supercharged Porsche engine into an old VW beetle. You may look the same on the outside but inside you are brand new. You are now indwelt by the Holy Spirit of God. God lives inside you!

God always starts on the inside and works out, whereas the devil starts on the outside and tries to work in.

Becoming born again spiritually is the first faith-step on the road to the Victory of Faith! But we do not stop there. We then have to feed our faith. We do that by planting God's Word into our newly re-created spirit. Just like our physical body needs physical food every day so our spirit needs spiritual food every day. If you are not filled with love, joy, and also peace you are probably starved spiritually; it's just like a prisoner in an old wartime prison camp!

You see a casual reading of God's promises will not be enough.

You need to meditate day and night. In other words, you will need to labour to enter into the rest of faith [Hebrews 4:11]. The word used

here in the Greek translation for labour is *spoodadzo* and it means to study; so we study to enter into His rest.

The seed of God's Word needs to be deposited into your spirit and then watered daily by meditation, prayer, praise, and worship all centred on the promises of God.

Psalm 1:2 *his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.*

3 *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

It is the one who delights and meditates in God's promises that will have world overcoming faith. Why? Because, you has watched diligently over your heart! You have made sure the seed of God's word has taken root and grown. The fruit of this diligence is faith and victory.

Jesus teaches this same principle in John 15.5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

Jesus is the Word of God [John 1:1, 14].

To abide means to remain. Jesus is teaching we need to stay in God's Word to be fruitful. Without staying, or meditating, in God's Word night and day we will not be tapping into the spiritual nourishment of the *'vine'*.

The vine is the spiritual source of life Jesus Christ. Without Him we will be unfruitful. We could do nothing. However that means with Him then we can do everything

So to be a person of faith and victory; be diligent to ensure the seed of God's word dwells richly in your newly created spirit. Give God opportunity to bless you through abiding in Jesus, the Word of God.

We send out Love in Christ

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