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Only The Strong Survive

JOHN 16:33 NKJV – (33) These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Again, in this world you will have trouble. But take heart! Jesus said, "<u>I</u> have overcome the world."

It is a spiritual principle of which I speak. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan before they entered the Promised Land, they fought only two battles. Then after they entered the Promised Land, they fought 39 battles. The way of the cross is not paved with lilies; it is paved with grace. When we seek to honor God, we will be met with opposition from the spiritual forces of this world. This is why each of us must commit ourselves to walking in the power of the Holy Spirit and to be as gentle as doves but as wise as serpents.

Do not be surprised when you find the way harder as a believer than when you were a non-believer. You now have more at stake among the spiritual forces that desire you to be defeated and ineffective.

<u>Stand firm</u> against the evil forces that desire to keep you from walking in freedom in the Promised Land. Jesus is your victory for every battle you will encounter. Call on His name! <u>AMEN</u>

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 16:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm *foundation* with the bricks others have thrown at him."