



Strength for the Journey

“Born Identity”

2 Corinthians 5:17



Notes:

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Strength through Prayer:

Spend a few moments in prayer. Thank God that being in Christ brings us not only confidence in prayer, but also a guarantee of victory over sin and the shelter of His protection. Commit yourself to applying the privileges that come from being in Christ.

You may want to begin your prayer with these words:

“Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible package of blessings that comes from being in You. I give myself back to You. I want to practice confidence in prayer. I commit myself to plan in advance to live out the victory I have, in You, over sin. I choose to believe that I am sheltered in Your protection—even when trouble comes my way. Thank You that You don’t waste my sorrows and that ‘all things work together for good.’”

Closing Call to Action:

1. Since in Christ we have victory over sin, we ought to plan for the victory. We’ve got to stop the victim talk (“I can’t help myself; it always happens”) and plan and determine to have victory in Christ.

We know the trip wires of sin in our lives: We say the wrong thing, or gossip, or go to the wrong place on the Internet, or treat our enemies inappropriately. Let’s take a couple of issues, some trip wires of sin, and premeditate how we will gain victory in Jesus Christ.

2. When life gets in our face and trouble comes, as it inevitably will, we need to know that God has a purpose for the pain. Instead of feeling fearful and anxious and hopeless, we have hope that God will do something in the midst of that trouble. He’s not going to waste our sorrows, but make meaning in our suffering for His glory and our good.