

Strength in Weakness

II Corinthians 13:4 & II Corinthians 12:9

- I. **The death and resurrection of Jesus destroyed the devil's authority and dominion over the earth.**
 - A. Humanity's original dominion (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 8)
 - B. We gave that dominion away to Satan by sinning and becoming his slaves.
 - C. Because Jesus was born, human and God (sinless), He was able to destroy the devil's claim on the earth (Hebrews 2:14-18).

- II. **The enforcement of Jesus' victory was placed in the hands of His Church (His Body and His Bride). We are His voice, hands, and feet (Matthew 28:18-20).**
 - A. Jesus trains us (little children) to rule (Luke 10:17-21; Matthew 10:5-15).
 - B. Satan's agenda is overturned by the words and works of "unworthy" people (I Corinthians 1:20-31; I Corinthians 15:12-19).
 - C. We have been given the keys of the kingdom to bind and loose (Matthew 16:16-19; 18:18-19).
 - D. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:10-11).
 1. Preaching (I Corinthians 1:23; I Corinthians 15:12-14)
 2. Petitions (James 4:2)
 3. Commands (Matthew 6:10; Acts 3:6-8)
 4. Worship (Psalm 149:1-9)
 5. Boldness and the filling of the Spirit (Acts 4:29-31; 2:1-4, 12-13, 38-39)

- III. **The resurrection story teaches us how God's love works with our weakness (John 3:16; Isaiah 53:1-6).**
 - A. Jesus calls me by name even in my uncleanness (John 20:11-18).
 - B. Our job is to receive the breath of God (John 20:19-23).
 - C. Jesus comes after us in our darkest unbelief (John 20:24-29).
 - D. Jesus cares about everything. He even makes us breakfast (John 21:1-14).
 - E. Jesus restores us at the point of our greatest shame (John 21:15-17).
 - F. Jesus releases each of us into our personal destinies (John 21:18-23).
 - G. Jesus makes our hearts burn for the Scriptures (Luke 24:13-19, 25-32).

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