

Tree of Life!

Part 6: "Winning!"

Looking at the Tree of Life... *Who came to save the world and make disciples by living out His values!* To do God's will rather than His own! John 4.34, 5.30, 6.38, 7.16, 8.26 To keep God's name before them & keep them in His name! John 17.12, 26 18.9 To model rightly ordered family dynamics! Luke 2.40ff John 2.1ff Gen 1.28 **Mark 3.32-35** **Luke 8.21** By "going about doing good and healing all who were oppressed!" Acts 10.38 Natural benevolent works! Supernatural miracle works! To destroy the works of the devil!

Have you been thinking about it...? Did you make an assessment of your partnership in miracle good works? Have you said, "I am your servant! Let it be to, and through, me just as you have said?" **Luke 1.38** How many people did you *pray with* this week? **James 5.15** Administering His name in the power of the Holy Spirit and your faith! **Acts 3.6** Are you hearing and doing something with His will or hearing only, thereby, deceiving yourself? **Jam 1.22**

Jesus Value of "Winning!" *For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, to destroy* the works of the devil... **1John 3.8** Cast out demons! **Mark 1.23-28 5.1-20 7.24-30 9.14-29 Luke 11.14** Healed all manner of sickness and disease! **Matthew 8.5-13 9.27-34 12.22 15.29-31 20.29-34 Mark 1.30,31 9.2-8 12.9-14 14.47 Luke 8.43-48 13.10-21 17.11-19 John 4.46-54 5.1-16 9.1-41** Raised the dead! **Luke 7.11-17 8.40-56 John 11.1-46** Overcame death, opened the grave, empowered an army! **Matthew 27.52,53 28.3-10, 18-20 1Cor 15.57**

Jesus didn't let anyone, or anything, keep Him from God's will/purpose!

Not the devil! Matthew 4.1-11

Not His fans! 5.1

Not storms! 8.23

Not demon filled people! 8.28

Not the frightened! 8.34

Not evil people! 9.3,4,34 10.25ff

Not mockers! 9.24

Not persecutors! 10.16ff

Not doubters! 11.2-6,19 13.14,15

Not powerful people! 12.2-45 14.3ff

Not the death of family! 14.13

Not hypocrites! Matthew 15.7-9

Not the slow! 15.15,16 16.23 17.17 19.13

Not impossible needs! 15.29ff

Not sign seekers! 16.1

Not provokers! 19.3-9

Not the proud! 20.20

Not the displeased! 21.15

Not the unsubmitted! 21.33ff

Not the foolish! 24.37ff 25.1-13

Not betrayers/deniers! 26.14, 69-75

Not armed enemies! 26.47ff 27.11ff

Jesus... Talked openly amidst mocking and contrary crowds... Walked invisibly among hostile enemies seeking His life... Discomfited His detractors and their strategies laid against Him! ***But that was Jesus and I'm not sure I can do that!***

Let's see... and hear... and decide what to do!

Isaiah 50.4-10 The Lord GOD (Jehovah-Adonai) has given me the tongue of the well trained disciple to know how to sustain the faint, fatigued, and weary with a word. By constant daily communion with God, He awakens my ear to hear as disciples hear. The Lord GOD has opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither did I flinch or decline. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. Confidently I say, the Lord GOD will help me; therefore I will not be mixed up, double minded or perplexed: which is why I have set my face like rock, hardened against my opposers and fixed on my way, and I know that I will not be disappointed or discouraged. He is near who justifies me; who will contend with me? Face to face, who is My accuser? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD will help me; who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out and be eaten up.

Look at Jesus... Prophets heard occasionally but *God's Servant* heard Him speak every day! *God's Servant* knew what God wanted from Him and He didn't say no! *God's Servant* was held in contempt, stripped, and beaten and He endured it all patiently waiting on God for the outcome! ***But that was Jesus and I'm not sure I can do that!***

Let's see... and hear... and decide what to do!

Isaiah 50.4-10 *Who is he that fears the LORD, that obeys the voice of His Servant, that walks in darkness, and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD, and support themselves in God.*

Isaiah 50.11 (the option) Take a really good, hard look at this, all of you who are tempted to kindle your own light and surround yourself with your own brilliance: walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled and this is what you will have from my hand... You will lie down in sorrow!

Jesus... Prepared for the win by meeting with God daily, consistently! "Rising up a great while before day, He went out to a solitary place to pray!" **Mark 1.35** "As it dawned He went into a desert place..." **Luke 4.42** "When He sent the others away He went up the mountain to pray... **Matthew 14.23** "And He went to the mountain to pray and continued there all night in prayer to God!" **Luke 6.12 Morning to night communication!**

Prepared for the win by committing His life into God's hands! "Hearing His words I did not rebel, flinch or decline from following Him!" **Is 50.5** His mission included suffering for God's cause... it included physical pain... "I believed in the faithfulness of God, that He would help Me, that He would not let me be ashamed for trusting!" **v7** Regardless of what, how long, it took! "Into Your hands I commit My spirit!" **Luke 23.46 Full time, full force, trust in God!**

Prepared for the win by setting His face like stone to accomplish His tasks! "When the time came to lay down life, He steadfastly set His face toward the end... No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit or outfitted for the kingdom of God!" **Luke 9.51,62** "I'm going the way it was determined for me! **Luke 22.22** "If this cup cannot pass from Me except I drink it, Your will be done!" **Matt 26.42** "I could opt out right now but this is how the scriptures are fulfilled! **Mt 26.53-56 Full energy, intention, for the win!**

For us to win... “Let us look to the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame who is now set down at the right hand of God! Consider Him who endured such contradiction of sinners so that you don’t become weary and faint in your minds!”
Hebrews 12.2,3

“We see Jesus, made a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor... taking death for every man to bring many sons to glory as the captain of our salvation... to destroy him who had the power of death...” **Hebrews 2.9-14**

“How will we escape if we neglect our great salvation which God spoke at the first, bearing witness with signs and wonders? For what is man? *You made him a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor and set him over Your works...*” **Heb 2.3-7**

“What is man that you are mindful of, and care for him? For You made him a little lower than the angels (NT: aggelos, OT: elohiyim, to have dominion over the works of Your hands, having put all things under his feet...” **Psalms 8.4-6 Gen 1.26-28**

For us to win... Full force, full face, connection to God! As “sons” we look to the Tree of Life for our model of life and living! **Heb 12.2 Ps8 Full time, full force, trust in God!** “We set our faces like flint; Hearing His voice, saying yes, ignoring the ‘shame,’ confident to the end!” **Isaiah 50 Full energy effort for the win!** “To him that overcomes I will grant to eat of the Tree of Life!” **Revelation 2.7** “Beloved, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord! Your labor in Him is not in vain! **1Cor15.58** “Whatsoever is born of God “wins” and this is the victory that wins, our faith...”
“Who is the winner over the world, the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God!” **1John 5.4,5**