Victory Connect Lesson Victory Starts in the Mind Pastor Paul Daugherty January 7, 2024

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- 1. We must lay aside the weight of negative thoughts. [Heb 12:1 CSB] 1 Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us,
- **2.** We can declare victory when tempted with defeat. [Psa 118:17 KJV] 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- **3.** We are made in the image of the Great Creator. [Gen 1:26 KJV] 26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."
- **4.** We can ask God for "hard things" by faith. [2Ki 2:10 NKJV] 10a So he said, "You have asked a hard thing....
- **5.** If we can see it on the inside, we can have it on the outside. [2Ki 2:10 NKJV] 10b ... [Nevertheless], if you see me [when I am] taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be [so]."
- **6.** We are designed to live with prophetic revelation. [Pro 29:18 NET] 18 When there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but the one who keeps the law, blessed is he!
- **7.** Write the vision while waiting for it. [Hab 2:2-3 NIV] 2 ..."Write down the revelation and make it plain ...3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time...Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Are you asking God for "difficult things?"
- 2. What victory do you envision for the New Year?
- 3. Have you had to write a vision more than once?

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