



L.E.A.N. Letter

"It Is Finished"... Jesus Has ALREADY Won!" (Part 1) ©

Have you ever watched a movie that tells you how the story ends, but does so at the very beginning of the film? There are many different reasons why writers do this. One reason, in particular, as it relates to this message...it is done to establish the emotional tone for the rest of the production, and sets an expectation for what is to come because of what has ALREADY happened. It allows the viewer to embrace the ending, upfront, leaving only the journey of the details that lead up to the story's inevitable conclusion.

The perfect, God-breathed Word (2 Timothy 3:16) does just that for the body of Christ, especially in the New Testament. It sets the "emotional tone" for VICTORY by proclaiming how this very true story of Jesus Christ ALREADY ends so that believers can live every day in the promised peace that transcends all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Fortunately, you ALREADY know that Jesus was born sinless (Hebrews 7:26 and 2 Corinthians 5:21), was later baptized and then tested (Mark 1:9-13). He demonstrated signs, wonders, and miracles (Acts 2:22), and (willingly) suffered and died on a cross (Matthew 27:26-50). He took on the sin of mankind (2 Corinthians 5:21), conquered death and was resurrected (Matthew 28:1-6). He brought salvation for eternal life (Romans 10:9-10), and now His Holy Spirit lives on forever (Hebrews 7:24). The End. That's His story. How do you know this? Because it was ALREADY written and it has ALREADY happened.

JESUS HAS ALREADY WON!

When Jesus spoke "It is finished" (John 19:30), and breathed His last breath, ALL victory in heaven and on earth was ALREADY won. "It is finished" means that every day you can exhale and release any doubts, anxiety, and fears about the future. When He won in that moment, His people won as well and were given the power of Jesus Christ's name to do everything (Colossians 3:17)...just like He admittedly used that name (John 17:12).

These 4 words, "JESUS HAS ALREADY WON" (with great emphasis on "ALREADY"), is a message of power to utilize as a weapon against satan's lies and any areas that your flesh is holding you back from experiencing the next level in your relationship with Jesus. Being armed with this victorious Biblical Truth to know how this story ALREADY ends, can and will help reduce and/or eliminate unnecessary emotion (which satan uses for his enjoyment) that comes from human circumstances. In addition to feeling victory, having this knowledge should bring immediate (daily) peace, freedom to just BE in Christ, empowerment through the use of His great name, and confidence that no matter what happens in your walk with Jesus, you can stand, and fight, in/with this Truth!

Beginning with the end and BELIEVING and SPEAKING that "JESUS HAS ALREADY WON" diffuses satan's attempts to hypnotize, desensitize, and numb the mind, by using worldly chaos to prevent you from remembering what has ALREADY happened. These 4 words also diffuse the worldly details and circumstances of your life, as well as the disheartening circumstances of other people's lives, which may be wearing you out and wearing you down. Being drained by these emotional pitfalls of the flesh will only make you unproductive and ineffective while serving Jesus.

Brothers and sister in Christ, once you thoroughly "chew" and "digest" the power of this message, then please read Parts 2 and 3.

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If you are a believer, and disciple of Jesus Christ, there is really only one viewpoint that matters when it comes to winning...His! Renewing your mind to this Truth is key, as well as understanding that spiritual victories and worldly victories are usually not the same. Therefore, winning and losing is going to look differently in the eyes of the Lord.

PERCEIVED WINS AND LOSSES...REMEMBERING THE BEGINNING.

It's important to go back to the beginning of Biblical history to view (spiritual) wins vs (perceived) losses so that perhaps you can better see your own circumstances with spiritual eyes, and not worldly ones. Some of the most prominent Biblical figures appear to be losing, because of the circumstances of their flesh, when actually, they were winning. For example, was Moses losing when raised by his enemy, only later to become a murderer in his hometown (**Exodus 2:11-15**)? Was he not later used by the Lord to free His people from slavery and shepherd them to liberation (**Exodus 3:1-12:42**)? Although one of the greatest stories of suffering, was Job losing through his many afflictions? Was he not chosen by the Lord to prove to satan of his faithful heart despite his fleshly woes (**Job 1:6-22**)? Was his fortune not restored twice as much as he once had because of his faithfulness to the Lord (**Job 42:10**)? Did Peter lose after he disowned Jesus 3 times (**Matthew 26:69-75**)? Although a regretful moment for Peter, was he not still chosen by Jesus to be the rock of His church (**Matthew 16:18**)? Did John the Baptist lose when he got his head cut off (**Mark 6:14-29**)? Did Jesus not refer to him as the greatest man born of woman (**Matthew 11:11**)? Was he not the one chosen to baptize Jesus by his own two hands (**Matthew 3:13-17**)? Did Paul lose when he was made blind for a time (**Acts 9:1-19**), and was later whipped, stoned, beaten (**2 Corinthians 11:24-25**) and killed? Did Paul not go down in history as one of the most prominent apostles of Christ for his work for the Kingdom? Did Jesus not ALREADY know what each would face for His Father's glory, including his own fate of being falsely accused, flogged, mocked, beaten, and (willingly) crucified (**Matthew 27:26-50**)?

Perhaps Jesus appeared losing in the world's eyes, but to the body of Christ, this Truth is ALREADY known. Every scenario, mentioned above, had to happen for the greater good and/or for a greater purpose, just like the (seemingly) "good" and the "bad" circumstances you face in your walk with Christ. Some may perceive these above-mentioned circumstances to be a living nightmare, and far from winning. However, from the very beginning, they were used to help fulfill a prophecy that only they were chosen, and created, to fulfill. There is only victory for them because they, like you, were chosen to be a part of something bigger!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the greatest takeaway through this message is that spiritual victory is not worldly victory, and it's important that your flesh is okay with this Truth if you want to live a life in Christ. Just like "His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways" (**Isaiah 55:8-9**), then it must be understood that it is also true of how victories are perceived to Jesus as well. If you are in agreement with this Biblical Truth, then you are aligning your heart and mind with the victorious message that awaits you in Part III. It conveys the importance of now BELIEVING that through your life in Jesus Christ, YOU, too, have ALREADY won!

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BELIEVING YOU HAVE ALREADY WON!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, like Jesus, you ALREADY know what your story entails. It, too, has ALREADY been written. Once saved (**Romans 10:9**), your life includes persecution (**2 Timothy 3:12**) through daily warfare, trials (**James 1:2-4**), a personal race (**1 Corinthians 9:24**), obedience (**John 14:23**), faith (**Hebrews 11:1**), victory and power through the use of Jesus' name (**John 14:14** and **Philippians 2:9-11**), utilizing spiritual gifts (**1 Peter 4:10**), experiencing signs, wonders, and miracles (**Acts 2:17-24** and **2 Corinthians 12:12**) and the fruits of the Holy Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**), a peace that transcends all understanding (**Philippians 4:7**), and then ultimately, your final destination of eternal life (**John 3:16**). The only untold part(s) of your story that continue to unfold throughout daily life is experiencing what is in between. Those personal details remain unknown to you until they occur based on personal choices made. (Those details, however, are not unknown to Jesus, since He is ever present and all knowing (**Psalms 46:1** and **1 John 3:20**)). He ALREADY knows your destiny. No matter what, the end result is still the same...victory!

YOU'RE STILL WINNING EVEN IF IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE LOSING...

Once saved, you may still lose some personal (daily) battles because of your sin nature, but that's just a given, which Jesus ALREADY knows. (Minimizing those lost battles, however, is still possible, but that's another topic. Please read "DW2H-Don't Wait 2 Hydrate... Jesus' Name Is 'Living Water'".) When you do experience these lost (daily) battles, or even those that you win, it's important to remember this very key distinction...none of it affects the war that has ALREADY been won between Jesus and satan. That means, you can find peace in your mess-ups and lost (daily) battles without losing hope or joy in the promise to come. (Keep in mind, these lost battles may require some stern discipline by the One who loves you most (**Hebrews 12:6**)). However, even through those disciplinary hardships, victory is still won, because the deposit of His Holy Spirit is eternal (**Ephesians 1:13-14** and **2 Corinthians 1:22**) just like the irrevocable calling over your life (**Romans 11:29**). Embracing this Truth is very important for mind renewal so that the world (aka satan) doesn't get into your head and deceive you into believing that you are a loser on any level. As a child of God, you are FAR from it!

THE POWER OF YOUR BELIEF

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the only thing that will affect you from standing strongly in this Truth is WHAT YOU BELIEVE, which is merely the result of how you embrace the message of **Romans 12:2** throughout your life...

**"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will."**

Whether you realize it or not, your life in Christ is a win-win scenario just like the Scripture that reads "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (**Philippians 1:21**). When you realize that your story ALREADY ends in victory, and that you have ALREADY won, this should give you the freedom to just BE who Jesus is calling you to be without fret or worry each and every day. (Perhaps this is why there are ample Scriptures in the New Testament serving as reminders not to fear or worry about life.) With this knowledge of Truth, let your inner child break free so that you can live victoriously in the kingdom of heaven (here on earth) as Jesus says to do (**Matthew 18:3**). Then, in regards to your human struggles such as relationships, family, finances, health, prison sentence, homelessness, lawsuit, disability, or whatever your earthly circumstance entails...begin by remembering that "It is finished" (**John 19:30**), and shout your victory cry, through the power of Jesus Christ's name, that "**JESUS HAS ALREADY WON!**"

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