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# Chapter One

## The Purpose of Circumstances

God is a God of circumstances. I am so glad that He is, for life is made up of circumstances. *Everyone's* life is full of circumstances.

Many of the circumstances that we face are God-ordained and often may be completely independent of who we are and even whether or not we are serving God.

**...he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good,  
and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.**

**Matthew 5:45**

Many of the circumstances of our lives are man-made or self-made and are brought about through our own actions or those of people and events around us.

My mail every week brings thousands of letters from people in all sorts of situations, facing all kinds of circumstances. Some of these circumstances have come upon these dear friends through no fault of their own, and some have come because people are reaping the results of bitter seeds that they themselves have sown by past actions.

However, I have discovered that many, many, *MANY* of the circumstances facing people are things that they have allowed to come into their lives and have allowed to disrupt and disturb their lives because of their lack of understanding of what the circumstances of life are all about.

Many are good Christian people who love the Lord, and yet have found themselves "between a rock and a hard place" because they do not know how to cope with the circumstances in which they find themselves.

In the natural, many of these situations would be crushing

burdens, beyond our ability to cope with or to bear.

In fact, a reporter who visited my headquarters was told of the seriousness of some of the burdens and heartaches about which people write to me.

"I imagine," she said, "that there are times when you have no answer, when you don't know what to tell them."

In the natural this lady might have been right, but we are not living in the natural; we are living in the blessing of the Almighty God with Whom nothing is impossible.

I am able to say with all truthfulness, "No, there is never a time that we do not have the answer. There is never a time when I do not know what to tell them no matter what the situation might be."

Because, you see, Jesus is the Answer and the Ruler of every circumstance, and all we have to tell them is what God has said... Who He is and what He waits to do for them.

God has the answer for coping with every circumstance of life. Better than that, He has the answer to *overcoming* every circumstance of life and enabling us to live lives of glorious victory all the time!

Not only is God in control of all of life's circumstances...He even *uses* circumstances. He deliberately and sovereignly allows circumstances so that He can make His power and glory manifest in the midst of seemingly adverse factors.

Let me give you some examples:

When Lazarus was sick and at the point of death and Mary and Martha sent for Jesus. Do you remember what Jesus did? He abode where He was for two more days. By the time He arrived at Mary and Martha's house, Lazarus was dead and in the tomb. The circumstance of Lazarus being sick had, in the natural, grown worse...but because of it, Jesus was able to manifest His glory in a greater way than when the circumstances were less formidable.

He had already done many miracles of healing. You might say that healing of the sick was almost commonplace to His ministry... but here He used a seemingly more adverse

circumstance...and raised the dead...an even more astounding miracle! (John 11:43-44)

In the Old Testament, look at what happened when God was going to lead His children out of Egypt.

Instead of the circumstances getting easier for Moses and the children of Israel, they kept getting harder. The main reason for this is told over and over in the ninth and tenth chapters of Exodus: The heart of Pharaoh was hardened. In Exodus 10:1, God told Moses "**I have hardened his heart.**"

By the time God had had a hand in making the circumstances seem almost insurmountable....He surmounted them in blazes of glory which have never been surpassed. The mighty miracles He did in the midst of overwhelming odds to deliver His children from the bondage of Egypt and to preserve and protect them through the torturous years they spent in the wilderness have never been equaled.

**And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.**

**Deuteronomy 26:8-9**

God could have chosen some other way to get them out of Egypt. He could have immediately and instantaneously transported the entire three million people of Israel to the Promised Land, but He chose to deliver them instead in a series of miracles such as have never been duplicated.

There are several places in the New Testament where people were transported immediately from one place to another, such as when Philip was caught away after baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:39).

In an incident related in John 6:17-21, the disciples were in a boat being tossed by a great wind, and Jesus walked to them on the water. As the disciples received Him into the boat, the Scripture tells us, "**... immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.**"

On another occasion, Jesus was already in the boat with the

disciples and was asleep while the disciples were terrified by a storm raging about them. God allowed the circumstances of the waves and the winds...and when Jesus arose and rebuked the waves and the winds...His mastery over the circumstances could be seen clearly (Mark 4:37-39).

It often has been said that "it is darkest just before the dawn" .... Often when circumstances seem to be going against us the most, the way is being paved for God to do such a great work of deliverance in our lives that we will know "beyond a shadow of a doubt" that it was His great arm that saved us.

One purpose of circumstances then, is that God might prove His power and His glory to a world that needs to see His majesty. Another very needful purpose is that He might prove Himself to us in such a way that we learn to trust Him with utter confidence no matter what the circumstances look like around us. We can *know* that He will meet the circumstances of today and tomorrow ... for He already has proved Himself in the circumstances of yesterday.

As a verse of the well known hymn "Amazing Grace" says:

Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far  
And grace will lead me home.

There are many wonderful examples in the Bible and also in my personal experiences of the tremendous ability of God not only to control circumstances but to use them.

In the next chapter I want to tell you how God proved Himself to one man in a tremendous way in the face of circumstances that this man thought would completely overthrow him.



## Chapter Two

# A Man Surrounded by Circumstances

For a tremendous Bible example of a man whose life was caught up in a web of seemingly adverse circumstances that seemed completely overwhelming, let us look at that part of Jacob's life detailed in the 32nd chapter of the book of Genesis.

The circumstances were these:

Over 21 years before, Jacob had extorted the birthright that belonged to his older brother, Esau. Not only that but Jacob had deceived their father, Isaac, into giving him the blessing which by tradition should have gone to his elder brother.

Esau, enraged, vowed to kill Jacob and, with his mother's help, Jacob fled to Haran where he worked for 21 years for his uncle, Laban. While there, God had blessed Jacob with wives, children, and a large number of livestock.

Then God told Jacob to return and in this chapter we find him doing that. However, Jacob was going in great fear, for he expected that Esau would still be angry and would hunt him down and kill him. This was a torment that Jacob lived under because Esau was a powerful man of the world and had made a vow that he would kill his brother. He had a powerful force of men and soldiers with which he could search Jacob out and fulfill his vow to annihilate him.

This tormenting fear hindered Jacob from seeing clearly the *good* circumstances which also surrounded him. Jacob took note of these circumstances, but the fear of his brother seems to have paralyzed his ability to accept and to hold on to and to utilize the circumstances he had in his favor...all the time the good circumstances far outweighed the bad.

For one thing, verse one tells us that in his journey "the angels of God met him." Jacob saw the angels, knew who they were and declared, "This is God's host." He even gave that place the name of *Mahanaim* meaning "two hosts" as a memorial of the experience he had there with God. Yet he still continued his trip in absolute fear even though God had let him see a host of angelic beings about him.

Another good circumstance Jacob had was the express promise of God.

Jacob knew what God had promised him and even quoted it back to God in his prayer. He said, "**the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee...**" He also reminded God (verse 12) "**And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good... "**

*And still Jacob feared.*

There is often a lesson to be learned in the names given to places and people in the Old Testament. They make a study unto themselves and often add spiritual truths to the exposition of certain portions of Scripture.

One of these names is *Seir* which is the country where Jacob had gone to meet his brother. Seir means rough or bristly. That seems to be an adequate description of Jacob's circumstances at this time... rough and bristly.

Jacob certainly had some deep soul searching to do, so he sent his wives and children and servants and all that he had on over the ford called Jabbok. Then verse 24 says that "**Jacob was left alone**" there.

The meaning of the word *Jabbok* holds another good lesson for us. It means an emptying or pouring out, and here Jacob came to the place where he had to face just such an experience.

Here is the rest of that night's circumstances as related in Genesis 32:24-30.

**And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the**

**day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.**

Remember it was his tormenting fear that brought Jacob to this place, and we learn something both from his fright and from what happened as a result of this angelic wrestling match, for this was no ordinary human being that wrestled with Jacob.

Fear is such a terrible thing and rules so many lives that I am working on a book that deals just with that one subject. Fear dominates many, many lives today and hinders the flow of God to do the work He wants to do. Fear is a spirit that controls, dominates, possesses, oppresses, directs or paralyzes eight out of ten people in the world today...and in many cases even born again Christians.

It was certainly the thing that hindered the flow of God's power in Jacob's life.

Basically, there was a twofold reason why Jacob was afraid: One, Jacob never realized the actual truth about his situation, and two, Jacob did not understand his position.

I believe that if we as Christians knew the truth of our situations and understood our own positions, we would be spared much of the turmoil and uncertainty and fear to be found in lives today.

That is why in the next two chapters I want to help you understand how these misconceptions can be avoided in your own life so that you can soar to victory over any circumstance that ever faces you.

Believe me, it is possible and entirely within your reach.



## Chapter Three

# Understanding the Situation

My son, David, majored in business administration at college before assuming a very important, responsible position in the business functions of World Evangelism.

One of the many books on management which he has in his library starts with this vital observation: "People's behavior stems from their interpretations of what they think they perceive."

That was true of Jacob in managing his personal affairs.

Though Jacob had several personal encounters with God since leaving home and though the Lord was blessing him mightily as far as family and material benefits were concerned, in the forefront of Jacob's mind was still the threat that his brother had made.

Jacob was looking at his circumstances in the natural from the standpoint of what he deserved, and what he had heard, and what he believed...not on the basis of what God had promised him, or what God had done in the heart of his brother during Jacob's absence, or of the situation as it really existed.

If we could just learn to see things as God sees them, if we just had His point of view, how different our lives would be. If we could see as God sees we would never have to ask "Why, God?" But spiritual cataracts often so blind our eyes that we cannot perceive our situations as they really are.

We get our understanding of the situation from what we think we saw happen, what we heard, or what someone told us in a letter or over the telephone, or what we think might happen.

The real situation was this: During Jacob's absence from his homeland, God had also blessed Esau, and Esau was on his way to meet Jacob in welcome and peace. He did not plan to kill him,

and he did not want Jacob's presents. He had plenty of livestock and goods of his own. God had worked in Esau's life and in his heart and had erased the thing completely that Jacob so feared.

There is a great verse in the Bible in Proverbs that says, **"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion."** (Proverbs 28:1)

That means that guilt in our hearts can cause us to fear when there is nothing to fear, but that with a heart made righteous toward God, we need fear nothing.

By righteous, I do not mean our own righteousness, for we have none in ourselves, But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags... (Isaiah 64:6).

However, if we are in Christ Jesus, we partake of *His* righteousness.

**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.**

**I Corinthians 1:30**

In His righteousness and the faith that this sows in our hearts, we can see as He sees; we can think as He thinks; we can react as He would have us to react.

**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 2:5**

We get our true picture of the situation from what God has to say, not from what we think we perceive or from what man has to say or from what natural circumstances seem to say.

Our cupboard or storehouse may say, "Look, I'm nearly empty. There's no food left. You'll soon run out of provisions and you'll starve to death."

If our understanding is based on what that empty cupboard says, we are not understanding the situation as it really is, for God is saying, **"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** (Philippians 4:19)

Our checkbook may try to make us understand, "No, you

can't really afford that car you need for your work or that warm coat you need against this cold weather."

But we get our real understanding from the Word of God which says, "**...no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.**" (Psalms 84:11)

The newspaper or the 11 o'clock nightly news may try to get us to understand that our situation is perilous because crime is rampant, there's an increase in burglaries and armed robberies and muggings and dope addiction.

But *our* real situation is revealed by God when He says,

**Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**

**Isaiah 41:10**

You see, the newspaper people and the television people and even our friends do not know the real situation and cannot give us the right understanding of a matter if they are ignorant of God's promises and plans.

Fear is a product of ignorance. Most of the time we are afraid of the unknown. Actually people are not usually too much afraid of what they know but mostly of what they don't know.

For every single situation in the world, for every fearful or overwhelming circumstance, God has the right viewpoint and is able to turn any circumstance completely around and give victory. Over *every* circumstance. *Every one!*

That is why it is important to know what our situation really is in the sight of God. Even if He doesn't give us complete understanding of what the true picture is instantaneously, if we are in Him we can trust His understanding and just walk step by step with Him in utter confidence that He will "**...keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**" (II Timothy 1:12)

It is also equally important to know what our position is in the circumstance.





## Chapter Four

# Understanding Our Position

In John 10:10, Jesus says, **"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy...."**

The thief is Satan, and one of the things he seeks to steal is our position or standing before God. And one of the main things he seeks to destroy is our self image.

Jacob did not understand his true position.

There is nothing so destructive as not having the correct image of yourself.

When your mind is conditioned to the extent that you see yourself weak, you see yourself under failure, when that image of self is a negative and an incorrect image, it blocks the power of God from flowing in your life to help you meet the circumstances that you have to meet from day to day.

In this respect, Jacob is a true figure of the Church, because the Church, God's precious people, has not come to the place where it fully comprehends its own position and situation.

As we look at Jacob, I would like to ask you for some answers to a few questions.

Jacob is involved in a wrestling match. The match is taking place between a physical human being and a spirit being. The Bible says "man" but we can tell from what took place that Jacob's opponent was an angelic being.

The first thing that I, as a Jew, become suspicious of when I read this Scripture is this: Isn't it strange that an angelic being has to ask Jacob, a human being, for permission to leave?

Can you image yourself right now wrestling with a heavenly being, and then suddenly having that heavenly being turn and say to you, "Would you please let go of me?"

You can't imagine that, can you? And yet that is exactly what happened to Jacob.

The impact of this is compounded when you realize that angelic being had such tremendous power that he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh and made him a cripple. Jacob's thigh became out of joint and he had to walk like that for the rest of his life.

The angelic being had that much power over Jacob, yet he was not able to leave the presence of this man without his permission.

There are many reading this message who are going to say that Jacob wrestled with the angel to get God's power, but the secret is, if we can see that Jacob already *had* power over this being.

The blessing that Jacob cried out to God for and the blessing that the angel gave him was not the power of God.

For years the Church of Jesus Christ has confused the power of God with the blessing of the Lord.

I do not know very many Christians who possess spiritual power, but I know thousands of Christians who are blessed. There is a vast difference between the blessing and the power.

Our problem is this: We start towards God and we go only so far as the point of the blessing, but we never pass the point of the blessing and go on into the power.

What does the Bible say that we will receive when the Holy Ghost is come upon you? Tongues? I believe in tongues. Paul says, "**I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:**" (I Corinthians 14:18), but Jesus said, "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**"

When you go into most Pentecostal churches, you will find them emphasizing tongues, or the prayer language of the Holy Spirit. Instead of emphasizing the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of tongues; why don't we begin emphasizing the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of *power*?

It was blessing that Jacob cried for. He already had power with God but did not recognize or understand the truth of his

position with God!

When the angel said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh," Jacob declared, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."

A little further on the angelic being makes a declaration and he blesses Jacob, but before he does, he tells him, "**Jacob, thou hast power with God and with man and thou hast prevailed.**" He blessed him after he made that statement, but the blessing was not the power that the angelic being saw inside of Jacob's life.

The angel saw something, recognized something in Jacob that even Jacob didn't realize was there. He recognized that Jacob had a power with God that Jacob didn't even realize he had. Not only was Jacob not recognizing that he had this power, he wasn't acting like he had it either. He certainly was not using it.

Could this be a picture of our own lives?

As God's children, has He given us His power to meet the circumstances of life? ...Could it be that this God-given ability to meet any problem, encounter any circumstance, is lying dormant within us, just waiting for us to recognize its presence and begin to confess it, and just as important, use it to face whatever problems, defeats, sicknesses, or material needs that appear as mighty armies coming against us?

The angel told Jacob something by revelation that Jacob by human effort was struggling to get. He didn't realize it, but *he already possessed what he was struggling to get.*

This is a key to many victories in your life.

God's power did not come by wrestling and struggling. Jacob did not get God's power as a result of wrestling with the angel. He received a blessing from the angel but he had the power without struggling, given to him by God.

Will you stop struggling; will you stop wrestling for God's power to meet the circumstances and the conditions of your life and for spiritual breakthroughs in your ministry? They don't come by struggling!

What was wrong with Jacob?

Simply this: He was not partaking of the provisions that already had been given to him.

Faith is a fact...but faith is an act. What Jacob needed to do, what the Church of Jesus Christ needs to do, is realize who we are... and act on that knowledge and authority.

Jacob never realized the truth of his situation, and so he struggled. He never realized the truth of his position; so he struggled. When you don't have a right understanding of your situation or of your position, you struggle. God already has made the provision... and He wants us to flow, not struggle.

Jacob did not even understand the implications of his name... and neither has the Church understood the implication of its name.

He thought his name was Jacob ... Jacob the conniver, the deceiver, the sinner, a weak-kneed fearful man ... that's who Jacob thought he was ... running and hiding and fleeing, tormented by his fear.

I am sure that the angel knew who it was that he was wrestling with, but if he did, why in the world did he ask Jacob what his name was?

The angel knew the name, but Jacob didn't realize himself just who he was.

This is the parallel condition in the lives of most Christians. The angel said, "What is your name?" Jacob said, "It is Jacob."

The angel said, "You're mistaken. I know you better than you know yourself. Your name is Israel."

If only you could know yourself as you are known by God! God knows you, in all of the power and glory that He has made you!... but we need to come to the place where we can see and recognize it.

The angel said, "You think your name is Jacob? Well, it's not!"

He said, "You know why I can't leave until you say it is all right for me to leave you? It's because one day up there in the heavens God changed your name from Jacob, the supplanter and deceiver, and He renamed you Israel. He made you a prince

because of a promise that God gave to you, and you have power with God and with men. You don't know it...You are running and hiding and whimpering and crying...but you have *POWER*."

The name my mother gave me is Morris which in the Hebrew is *Moshe* and interpreted means "Moses."

One day I came to the foot of the cross and my name was changed. When it was, I was changed from an unregenerated sinner into a child of God...who has *POWER!*

**But as many as received him, to them gave he POWER....**

**John 1:12**

**Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God....**

**I John 3:1**

**And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

**(Revelation 5:10)**

**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

**Luke 10:19**

Jacob's name was changed. As Jacob he had nothing ... but as a prince of God he entered into a relationship with his Heavenly Father that gave him power to meet the circumstances of life.

There is one other danger that Jacob was subjected to by his fear and by his lack of understanding of the situation and of who he was and it is a danger that we all face: the tendency and the danger of compromise.



## Chapter Five

# The Danger of Compromise

In his fear of Esau and his misunderstanding of his own situation and his own position, Jacob nearly fell into one of the most dangerous traps that Christians have to face ... the danger of compromising.

God had told Jacob to return to his homeland and that it would be well with him; he would be blessed.

But doubting that promise and continuing to act out of fear, Jacob laid out plans for compromising with the enemy.

We have already seen what great power Jacob had with God. I believe that if Esau had been hostile as Jacob feared that he would be, that just one word from Jacob's lips would have brought God's judgment down and brought Esau to an end.

But Jacob wasn't thinking about how to win and overcome, he was still thinking about how to connive and compromise and perhaps end up with at least a partial victory instead of losing everything. He planned to try to win Esau over with bribes and promises.

The biggest temptation which you and I will face when we come up against problems in this life, especially when we have to listen to the criticism of our friends and relatives and neighbors, is to compromise.

Because we want to dare to stand as God's people, the temptation to compromise is often very strong and it comes in many ways.

A church may want to win a city for God. They have the power to win the city, but what they do is to let down the standards and they compromise and try to get the people of the city into the Church in that way.

There are many Christians who started out to work for God hot-hearted and on fire, who knew how to pray and how to yield themselves to the moving of the Holy Spirit, but there are many who have become sidetracked by compromise.

God has blessed this ministry in a wonderful way and we are meeting new challenges all the time in the power that God has provided. But I want to tell you that there have been times in my ministry when men of influence and wealth have come to me with glowing plans of how this ministry could be built and enlarged through a compromise.

Before my congregations reached the size they are now of people truly hungry to see the power and demonstration of God, there were those who came and said, "Look, you can really be somebody. We will stand behind your ministry and you will have a lot of influence and prestige if you just will tone down the ministry to the sick, if you will just tone down the way your services go."

Thank God that we didn't have to let down or compromise; God has honored His Word and has sent partners to stand with us and hold up our hands in this great work of God...and the power of God and the moving and demonstration of the Holy Spirit is the mainspring of this work.

I've said it often and I say it again, "This is not the work of a man, but it is the work of the Holy Spirit of the living God."

Jacob compromised by making three bands out of his family. When you compromise before the enemy, you will even give away your family. That's what the devil does to you.

Jacob took his family, his cattle and his earthly possessions and he made three bands.

He said, "All right, the first of you go on out and meet Esau. He is coming with 400 mighty men to kill me. The first band, when you see him, you fall down; bow down; compromise; scrape; eat the dust, and give him all these gifts and tell him they are from his servant, Jacob."

But Jacob wasn't Esau's servant; Esau was Jacob's servant. Remember, God has said:



**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...**

**Luke 10:19**

He has said:

**And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail...**

**Deuteronomy 28:13**

He has said:

**...thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath...**

**Deuteronomy 28:13**

He has said:

**The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.**

**Deuteronomy 28:7**

But before Jacob was aware of what the situation was and who he was, he planned to send the first drove over to kowtow before Esau.

He said, "When Esau kills the first band, the second band will be there, and when he kills the second, the third band will be there. I'll put my wives and everyone else in front and I'll march behind them."

Here Jacob is bowing, compromising before his circumstances.

But something happened when that angel helped Jacob to see the real picture, for we find afterwards that even though he had put his family in three bands hoping that at least the last would be spared, that he had come into some courage and some power. Genesis 33:3 tells us that **"...he (Jacob) passed over before them..."**

And do you know something?

When Jacob took the lead and passed over before them and ran out to meet Esau and threw himself before him, he supposed that Esau might put his sword in him.

But Esau fell down before Jacob and put his arms around him and said, "Jacob, I'm sorry for every evil thought I had about you. I'm sorry I ever tried to kill you."

He said, "I'm going to give you the place that God raised you up to. Will you forgive your brother Esau?"

Now we see the truth of the situation. If only Jacob could have believed the promise of God, he would have seen through spiritual eyes that rest upon the promises of God, that look away from our ever present conditions and rest upon what God has provided. But when we do not see the truth of our situation, that the victory is won, that the battle (no matter whether it is physical, spiritual, or material) is not ours but God's then we fret. We are filled with anxiety, unbelief, doubt, fear...all the things that defeat us.

In Jacob's case the truth, all along, was this, that God had gone before His child Jacob, and God had taken care of every circumstance. *Every one!*

There was no need to compromise, no need to bow, no need to be afraid ... if Jacob only had trusted the POWER which God had already given him. If only he had known and believed the truth of the situation, the victory was *already won*.

Now he saw the truth of his position.

He was not a weak, defeated, fearful man who needed to run and compromise and bow. He was a son of God who had been called and ordained and given power to meet the circumstances of life!

Was Jacob someone special whom God would do this for and no other? Is God a respecter of persons? Would He give one of His children the power to overcome the circumstances of life and not another?

Of course not.

I have tremendous news for you right now.

What God did for Jacob, He already has done for you. He is just waiting for you to see the situation as it is, to see yourself as you are, for you to march in and take and accept the victory that He has provided for you already in Christ Jesus.

You, (and you can insert your own name in this sentence right here), you...have the power to face every circumstance of life! God has already provided it.

It remains only for you to apply it.

It is yours through your entrance now into the family of God. As you received (or receive) Christ even now, your name is changed. As a child of God you have power with God and will prevail.



## Chapter Six

# Victory in Every Circumstance... for You

There are circumstances in your life right now...for life is made up of circumstances, good and bad. Nearly every person reading these words has some battle in their life, some adverse circumstance to meet, some victory that needs to be won.

If not, if you have temporary respite and rest...don't worry; the battle is sure to come.

We have been *promised* battles:

**Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

**II Timothy 3:12**

**But he shall receive an hundredfold now this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, *with persecutions*; and in the world to come eternal life.**

**Mark 10:30**

**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:**

**I Peter 5:8**

**Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:**

**I Peter 4:12**

You might say, "Brother Cerullo, why are you telling me all these negative things about having battles and persecutions and trials?"

Because they are true. This is God's Word just as truly as

any promise in the Bible ... but it is *not negative!* It is going through the battle that we are perfected and that we learn to know and trust God and that we learn to know ourselves.

Job said:

**But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.**

**Job 23:10**

Though Job didn't see the complete situation as it was, he had a great grasp on the basics!

Not one of those promises above is really a negative, for with them God has given His mighty promises of deliverance and help and victory.

**There hath no temptation (test) taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.**

**I Corinthians 10:13**

Every promise in the Word of God is geared to life and victory! The provision has been made.

Often I have said that I wouldn't mind putting on the boxing gloves and climbing into the same ring with Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, or any other fighter, or even all of them at once.... That is, I wouldn't mind if I knew for sure I would come out all right, if I had the prior knowledge that I would be the winner.

In the things of God I have this knowledge! In God I can see the truth of every situation which I get into. God has given me power over all the power of the enemy and in Him I can come out of the ring the winner every time!

If you could only see the truth of every situation that you encounter in this life! If you could only see the truth of it! If you could only see as God sees!

God didn't promise us that we wouldn't have battles. He didn't promise us we wouldn't have sorrow. He didn't promise us that we wouldn't have heartaches.

*But He did promise us that we would never be defeated!*

Whatever your trials and whatever your circumstances, no matter how overwhelming they may seem to be in the natural, I want to minister to you right now.

I don't have to be present with you in the flesh to do this. Paul at one time wrote to the Corinthian church that though he was absent from them in the body, he was present in spirit and the action he wished was taken "**...as though I were present...**" (I Corinthians 5:3)

One of my favorite Scriptures in all of the Bible is found in Matthew 18:19 which says:

**Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.**

I cannot be present with each of you in my bodily presence, but God has anointed me to preach and to write this message, and I believe that He will anoint these pages as a point of contact for me to agree with you in prayer for you to rise up in the power He has already given you to meet the circumstances in your life, whatever they might be.

Hold this book in your hand as a point of contact and let me pray this prayer for you:

*Heavenly Father, right now in the Name of Jesus, I bring this loved one to You for Your special blessing and help.*

*God, You see every circumstance; You know every circumstance; You have permitted every circumstance that is in this life right now.*

*Father, You are the God of every one of these circumstances and I know that You wait to prove Yourself in might and in power in this life and in these circumstances right now.*

*Open these eyes that this one may see the situation as it really is, that they might see that You are in command and that You have stepped forth on the circumstances of this life to still the waves and the winds. You have stepped forth to supply the need. You have stepped forth in triumph and power over all the power of the enemy.*

*Father, help this one to realize the position we have in You as Your beloved child. Help them to take their rightful position in You as a king and a priest, as a ruler, as the head and not the tail, as being above and not beneath, according to the great promises of Your Word.*

*Right now, we commit the circumstances of this life completely into Your hand. We leave them with You knowing that You have full control. We will no longer fret over them or fear over them. They are Yours. You control them. We trust You with them.*

*Right now, we accept the victory and the peace and the joy that You hold forth to us in Jesus' Name, for it is in His Name that we pray. Amen.*

My beloved reader, I believe that God has done something in your life and that you will have a victorious testimony to share as you have stepped into new understanding of the circumstances and of your position in God.

If you would like for me to agree in prayer with you further by sharing with me the exact nature of your problem, I will be glad to do so. Write to me at the address on the next page.

In the meantime:

**The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:**

**The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.**

**Numbers 6:24-26**



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When Morris was fourteen and a half years of age through a unique witness and a tremendous spiritual visitation from God, the Messiah in all His fullness was supernaturally revealed to him.

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