

# Hart to Heart Ministries

## Christian Training Center

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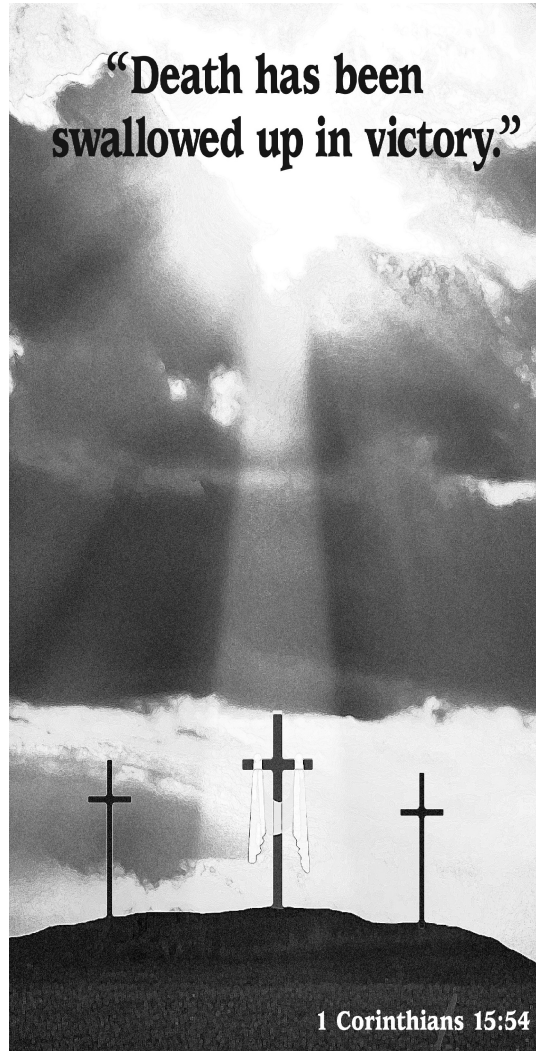
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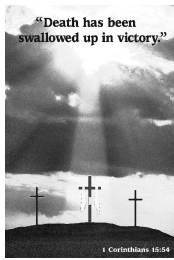
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# JESUS LIVES!

## The Victory Is Won!

Jesus Lives! The victory is won! Hallelujah! Now we are expecting some change as the prophets have predicted. What those changes are for each person, we do not know. We only know that whatever they are, God will bring good out of them. Our job now is to get in position to receive the victory!

Say out loud to yourself: "I'm getting in position to receive the victory!"

Now say: "I'm in position and I am receiving the victory!"

Ephesians 2:6 says "... and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Jesus has to get us into the right position to receive the victory for us. **We have to be in the right place at the right time for His blessings to come and blessings only come when we are in a position to receive.**

It's like missing a church service and then someone calls you and tells you that you really missed out. They tell you how the Glory of God fell and how they all had a hallelujah time. What happened? You were in the wrong place and you missed the blessings. Those who were there were in the right place for

the blessing and they received it.

Tuesday night meetings are most definitely meetings you don't want to miss. The Holy Spirit comes in like a flood and pours His anointing upon all who are present. We leave changed, full of glory, joy and peace. We head back out into the world ready to face the next day. It changes us when we are in the anointing.

What happens to people when they get in the wrong place? They get into trouble! **Remember, the devil wants believers to be in the wrong place and out of position so they are unable to receive.**

He got kicked out of his place in heaven. He has been displaced, so he wants you to be displaced too. Misery loves company. He knows he is defeated, but he is in denial about the end. Don't get into denial thinking you are okay when you are not!

You must get into your place, whatever it is. Maybe you think you just want to be a doorman at the house of the Lord, well then do it, that's where you belong. You also need to be in the church where God wants

you to be. Out floating around does not get the blessings God has for you.

If you need a church, come, we are nondenominational, but we are a full Gospel believing church who loves and cares about people. We don't have money to help with your needs, but we know how to pray using the Word to help you find the answers you need, or to help you get in position to receive the victory from the Lord.

You need to go to church where God says to go and work where God tells you to work; not where you want to. If you are supposed to be in the music program and you are sitting there like a stubborn mule, then you are not going to receive the blessings the Lord has for you.

We all have to work together to become a team player. Together we will accomplish all God wants.

We are celebrating the victory of Jesus resurrection. If He had not gone to the cross to die for our sin, we would never live in victory. But He did, so therefore we have the decision to make as to whom we are going to serve.

When Jesus rose from the grave, He had the keys to the victory for us. He handed them over to us to unlock the prison doors in our lives that have held us captive.

We don't have to live that way anymore. **We are free to be all God wants us to be, but we have to line up with His Word and His will.**

We can't keep thinking doom and gloom thoughts and expect to come out in victory. The Word says, "As a man thinketh, so is he." In other words, if you can think right thoughts, the negative won't have victory over you. It's always a choice you make. You choose to be depressed, you choose to be joyful. Joy is much nicer!

Are we willing to pay the price Jesus paid? We don't have to, because He already did it all for us. But He did call us to spend time with Him and fellowship with Him. All He wants from us, is our love so He can bless us. Otherwise we are telling Him, He died for nothing!

When we became born-again, Jesus gave us a new position. **We are to rule and reign with Him.** It takes diligence and determination.

If we want to get on the same team as Jesus, we have to become mature and develop our skills and know how to use them for the Lord. We have to go far

enough to get in position to receive His victory. That means different things for each person. Some can be tangled up in too much television, while others read too much junk that doesn't feed their spirit man. Maybe someone else is caught up in fancy cars or talks too long on the phone; you know what I mean!

Think about your own children a minute; they automatically have certain rights and privileges just because they were born in your household. They have the right to receive food, to be protected and loved. They have the right to be clothed and to receive whatever other benefits that come with being a part of a family.

When children are in school there are always extracurricular things that come up; like playing sports, playing an instrument, or maybe they need a uniform. It all costs money! But as part of the family, they receive what they need, they are in position to receive it.

You are a believer in Christ. The Word is filled with the promises of God, but how many of you are speaking out those Scriptures or promises and are getting in position in the receiving line of God's provision?

I want you to remember there is always a time element involved in maturing and in

developing skills. Even in athletics they take a period of time to develop and to cultivate skills in order to play in different positions.

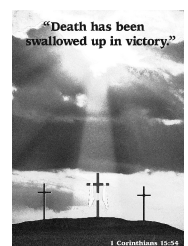
As Christians we don't get saved one day and are leaders the next. God has to train us and mature us so we are ready to be used.

When the Holy Spirit comes on the scene, we surrender to His will and His ways and follow His leading. He knows what needs to be accomplished, but we don't.

Sometimes you are getting into a position to receive from the Lord all by yourself and then you worry about what someone else will think. **Stop worrying about it! God will take care of it.** Let His Spirit set a fire inside you as you look for that position and start moving toward it. Do whatever it takes to get into a position to receive from God.

**He died so you could have victory in your life.** When you receive Him and begin to put Him first in your life, then you are getting into position to be a receiver and a giver unto the Lord.

Thank the Lord this Resurrection Sunday for all He has done for you. Receive all He died for and rejoice that you can live a life of victory!





**Christians and Laughter**

Of all the people on earth, Christians ought to have smiles on their faces and be ready to laugh. After all, if God has defeated death by raising Christ from the dead, we have cause for joy at all times.

After a long day at work, two ministers decided to take a walk before darkness came. As they walked, they told humorous stories and were soon laughing heartily. It felt so good, so therapeutic, that one pastor turned to the other and said, "Theodore, let's kneel down and thank God for laughter."

They did just that. Then they arose and went joyfully on their way.

Remember that we are abundantly blessed by God and have cause to laugh often. After all, the Savior lives and we are His friends.



**Alive!**

What a glorious, bountiful, sunny day.  
With a sky washed in bright azure blue.  
There's a wisp of a cloud that is lulling about,  
Just relaxing, with nothing to do.

See the oak trees' new buds, still a yellowish green,  
Inching out to achieve their full size.  
And the breeze-stirring pine holds a nest in its arms  
Filled with three little chirping young cries.

Feel the warmth of the sun flooding comfort and health  
To a world that's alive with rebirth.  
And now pause to absorb what we share with all life:  
Being alive! On God's beautiful earth.

—Peggy Ferrell



\* Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

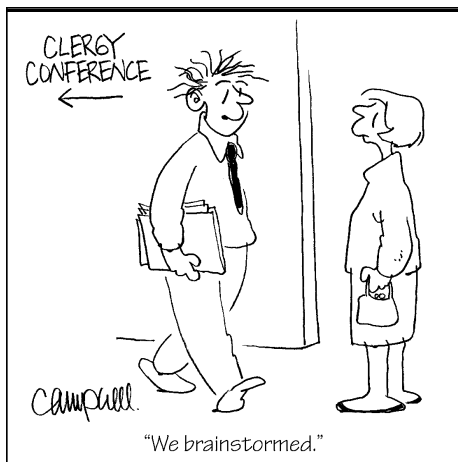
—Soren Kierkegaard

\* Joy is the flag that is flown in the heart when the Master is in residence.

**God isn't Deaf**

Little Sonia was praying loudly to God and asking for a new doll for her birthday. Her mother interrupted her and said, "There's no need to shout. God isn't deaf."

Sonia responded, "No, but Grandpa is and he's in the family room watching TV."



\* The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.

—Helen Keller



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# Imagination

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In Job 3:25 it says, “the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.”

Job’s mind was functioning with imagination. He was putting a picture of desolation in his mind. He didn’t have any reason for believing that dark things were ahead of him and that bad times were coming at this point, but he imagined that they would come!

Of course we know they did come! It’s sort of like people worrying when they are old, what will I do, where will I go? *Hey, stop worrying about any of it.* All you have is today. So you have nothing to worry about today! You are sitting there in peace being where you want to be. So relax and enjoy the presence of the Lord.

You can allow fear to get so deep into your imagination that all you think about is the negative in your life or what could happen. It’s a choice you make!

God wants our minds to be under divine subjection, and not cooking up something that is not real or dreadful. God wants our minds to be directed by or working with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would never think negatively. That’s one of the reasons we bind our mind to the mind of Christ. He always

thinks in the positive.

The devil wants to capture the human mind, every aspect of it including the imagination. The mind is so important. It becomes a battlefield. Both the devil and the Lord want your mind. However, the decision you make is what makes the difference!

The Bible tells us that the god of this world, that’s the devil, has blinded your mind, your imagination, because he doesn’t want the light of the Gospel to shine.

Someone who has never received Jesus is in an imaginative state that does not produce joy, happiness, or goodness. It produces pain, hurt, sorrow, and death. Your imagination can be blinded by sin, by the devil and by evil so that you cannot imagine good things. God does not want you to have such a life.

We are creatures of thought. Without thoughts we are nothing. By our mind we know, we think, we imagine and we understand. We have power to reason, to decide to imagine those things that are not as though they are and then bring them to pass. The human mind occupies a large part of the total life of a person. It determines the actions that we perform.

God’s desire is that our mind functions by the power of His Spirit. Our imaginations come out of our mind and God can renew them. He can make them all over again, change us inside and make everything new. We do not have to live with passive imaginations.

What is a passive imagination? It is a mind that is empty and the devil can activate it. *If you don’t know what to think about, the devil will give you something to think about.* That’s why **God says we are to think about that which is lovely, pure and just.**

Sometimes people tell you to empty your mind, and relax. No, No, No, don’t do that! When your mind is blank, that is when the devil can put anything into it he wants to.

Our imagination should never go blank. We must always be bringing in new things to think about that are good! We have to exercise our imaginative power.

Our mental process should never be under bondage of any kind. There is power in our spiritual imagination.

Our imagination can go against God when we worry.

You need to have a good concentration ability to stay focused on whatever it is God

wants you to focus on.

To keep a person's attention more than five minutes is a big job. Television causes the mind to go quickly from one thing to another, until human concentration is flighty. **You have to get control of your imagination so you get into an area of concentration and you can direct your thoughts toward God.**

We can vacillate between right and wrong, good and bad. When we do that, nothing gets done. James 1:8 says, "If we are double minded we are unstable in all our ways." One minute you think this way and the next you think the other way. We have all dealt with it when the enemy has been working on us. He knows the power we have if we continue to think like the Lord wants us to think which is, positive and believing the Word. The problem is that we allow ungodly imaginations to rule. We must turn them into Godly, truthful, and holy thoughts.

When you live with put downs or even with those who do not support you in what you are doing, it causes you to fall in many ways. It is hard to stand! But through Christ we can do it. **Nothing is impossible with God!** After all, we are choosing to believe the Word, It is a choice we have in our mind, in our imagination. We can try to see things the way God does, *or not!* We can choose to stand firm in what we

believe God told us, *or not!* It will be accomplished if we **choose God's way!**

We are free beings with the power of choice. We have the power to decide if we are going to love God and follow Him, or *not.*

Everything we face in life is merely a decision we make! It's very simple, but we make it so hard. It is a matter of believing what God told us in His Word. **God doesn't lie so stand firm!**

What about rebellion? It comes from our imagination. I want what I want and that's that! But Godly determination, is being determined you are going to do it God's way and not yours. You are not rebelling against God, but against the evil imaginations in your own ungodly imaginations. You can be set free from it.

Many times people want help, but they don't want to do their part. Their part is to change their thinking and respond in a new way. Get the trolley off the old track of controlling.

Controlling in the flesh is not of God. Unless it is something **you want God to take control over and you surrender it to Him.** That means obeying what He is telling you to do. You have to imagine yourself being successful, walking in victory, doing what God called you to do!

If you are a believer, you are

not a failure, so then do not imagine failure!

There are no secret places that God cannot look into, neither are there any conditions that He cannot understand. Get the worry out of your life. **Jesus can do anything!**

Don't let the devil conquer you in your imaginations and cause them to be empty and unfruitful.

Begin to see yourself growing and maturing in the Lord. See your imagination pure, holy and energized by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you are sick, see yourself well, if you are living in poverty, see yourself with more than enough money to meet your needs. If you see yourself depressed, see yourself full of joy. **See those things first on the inside and then one day you will realize it actually happened on the outside.**

Bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Cast down any imagination that is not holy. You are what you imagine yourself to be! You are a holy anointed woman or man of God!

