

PPT "You Will Win" Part 2
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"The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur." - Vince Lombardi

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Romans 8:31 "What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?"

A.W. Tozer wrote, "Revivals come only to those who want them badly enough. The problem is not to persuade God to fill us, but to want God sufficiently to permit him to do so. The average Christian is so cold and so contented with his wretched condition that there is no vacuum of desire into which the blessed Spirit can rush in satisfying fullness." from Born After Midnight

Let's shake ourselves from past seasons – We have been trying to take personal preferences into the Kingdom of God - old mindsets and traditions – shake them off this morning!!

Take it by Force

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Another translation of this verse says: "Forceful men lay hold of it."

Greek Word Force - G971-biazō -to *force*, to *crowd oneself* (into), or to *be seized*: - press, suffer violence.

Jesus also said in Luke 16:16: "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presses into it."

It means the promise of the kingdom demands spiritual violence, forcefulness is an attitude of fixed determination that presses ahead, regardless of any form of difficulty or discouragement.

The Will To Win Is Important, But The Will To Prepare is Vital.

The Helmet and the Sword

Ephesians 6:17-18 “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;”

- The Helmet protects our mind
- God’s Word is our Sword
- We need spiritual weapons to fight a spiritual battle

(18) “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

- Our prayers must be constant.
- Our prayers must be intense
- Our prayers must be unselfish

The Jews had a saying, “Let a man unite himself with the community in his prayers.”

I think that often our prayers are too much for ourselves and too little for others. We must learn to pray as much for others and with others as for ourselves.

Put on Your Helmet of Salvation and Take up Your Sword Again!

Let God’s Kingdom come and God’s Will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.

Romans 10:8-13 “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”