Verses of Victory – Standing Upon the Foundation: Jesus

"But the Counselor, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **Peace** I leave with you; my peace I **give** you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:26-27

Jesus promised to give us peace [shalom]. He promised to give it. <u>He</u> promised to give it. So, we stand upon Jesus, not ourselves. Our faith need only be like a tiny seed (Matthew 17:20). We do not place faith in our faith. We do not believe in our belief. We believe in Jesus. We build a substantive, foundational faith in everything we think, say, and pray upon Jesus and His identity.

Now faith is the substance [foundation] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

This week, take these verses regarding the identity of Jesus and pray them in **bold faith**. Dig deep within yourself to **choose to believe** the revelation of God's Word as it relates to who Jesus is, what authority he has been given, and what authority he has then delegated to you. **Ask God to reveal this to your spirit in power**.

TRY THIS:

- Get out your calendar right now. Block 15 minutes each day to get alone in a quiet place—perhaps outdoors in the corner of a local park; or alone at home in a separated room from your family.
- Stay standing; slowly read aloud (or just under your breath) the verses in each segment.
- Pray aloud the suggested prayer (preferably put in your own words and then also expand upon it).
- Do so for each segment, each day (do them all each day).
- Repeat this every single day, all week long.
- Devote the last 5 minutes of your prayer session to listening to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit. What might God be revealing to you for direct application in your life?
- Write down what God shows you in a journal or in the margins of this handout. Review those notes each day.

<u>The Foundation</u>: Jesus has all authority in both spiritual and natural realms.

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.... These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions... "As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Matthew 10:1, 6-8

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:6

PRAY: "Jesus, I confess that **you** have been given **all authority** over every spiritual power and every reality in the universe. But you then turned and **delegated** portions of that authority over **to me**. I **receive by faith** your authority. It is not mine. It is yours. But I acknowledge that I **am to act upon that authority** because you have deputized me to do so. Please **reveal to me** *right now* what aspects of my life I am to **stand in faith** upon your identity and power, and to declare that power **in the name of Jesus** over all the spiritual forces in the spiritual realm."

<u>The Foundation's Power</u>: The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and then fills us with that same power.

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:4-5, 8

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:18-21

PRAY: "God, I submit myself to you. I surrender my will to you. I ask that your will be done in my life. I wait for you to move and work within me. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I believe that same power that rose Jesus from the dead is at work in me because you have placed that power of the Holy Spirit within me. I choose to stand in faith in your power, not my own. In Jesus' name!"

The Foundation's Victory: Jesus has disarmed the enemy.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 6:10-12

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

PRAY: "Jesus, I praise you for you have **disarmed** and **overcome** all the power of the enemy, the devil, and his powers in the spiritual realms. I ask you to **reveal** *right now* any place the enemy is at work in my life. As you reveal that to me, I also choose to **believe** your personal **victory** over the enemy. You have stripped and disarmed him so that now, in Jesus' name, I can take a **stand** and be **victorious**. In the name of Jesus, I declare and claim my **freedom** over the work of the enemy in my life. I stand in faith upon the foundation of **Jesus's authority** and **power**."

<u>The Foundation's Outcome</u>: We are able to operate from, through, and in Jesus' authority.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has **faith in me** will <u>do</u> what I have been doing. He will do **even greater things** than these because I am going to the Father. And **I will do** whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may **ask me for anything in my name**, and I will do it."

John 14:12-14

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.... And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Mark 16:15, 17-18

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Luke 10:17-20

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Mark 11:22-25

PRAY: "Willfully and abundantly forgiving my brother or sister by whom I have been hurt, I now choose to believe and operate by faith in the authority you have been given and have then have delegated over to me. I do not rejoice in this power, but rather in you. I rejoice in my identity as your son/daughter. As your beloved child, I receive with joy your power to overcome the enemy in my life. I acknowledge that you have authorized and empowered this victory, and I repent of any poor self-esteem, self-doubt, or victimization that I am choosing to live under. I confess that everything you desire to do in my life is possible through your power and is activated by my faith in you. I exercise that faith to believe for transformation, healing, and victory in my life!"