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14: PARTNERING WITH JESUS FOR LIFE (Part 1)

"And we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ"
2 Corinthians 10:5

"They will call on my name and I will answer them."
Zechariah 13:9

"Come Lord Jesus."
Revelation 22:20

Inner healing work involves inviting the True Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth into past memories to bring healing to the pain and emotional trauma that is stuck there. As the Holy Spirit brings truth to re-interpret the lies and negative mental agreements, destructive feelings are released and the person feels peace and freedom.

While going back to the source and origin of a problem is necessary to heal the past experiences, there is an equally important process of inviting Jesus into the present. Sanctification is an ongoing process. Renewing the mind of past sin, unforgiveness, lies and mental agreements is needed to heal the past, but there is the equally important task of dealing with present sin, unforgiveness, lies, mental agreements and current lack of self-forgiveness.

These articles focus on the amazing opportunity that we have as Christians to partner with Christ in the present. Inviting the True Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth into our thoughts and minds on a daily basis is the key to living a life of victory. To do this, we need to understand how to "Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

The Secular Model for Victorious Living

In the secular world, "self help" is the paradigm for personal growth. The "self help" industry is based on the belief that the only person who is around all the time to observe and experience everything an individual does is him/her own "self." As a result, all the responsibility for growth and personal success is loaded onto the individual's shoulders alone.

The Christian Model for Victorious Living

In the Christian worldview, the individual is not alone. There is someone else who is also present with the individual in every step of his/her life and that is Christ. As an omniscient and omnipresent God, who loves each one of us, Christ is walking with every person as (s)he is journeying through life. It is this presence of Christ that makes the concept of a partnership with Jesus possible. As it says in **Hebrews 13:5**, *"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* Jesus is a partner for life. However, the presence of Jesus does not mean that He automatically takes care of us. There is the important principle of free will. While



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While He knows everything about us, He respects us too much to interfere in our lives unless we request it. As we saw in the salvation experience, He stands at the door and knocks and waits for us to invite Him into our house. In the inner healing process, Jesus waits to be invited into our past memories, and when the request comes, He wastes no time in being there to help. Similarly, in our daily living, Jesus waits to be called into our thought processes as an act of our free will. He wants to help us, and He watches over us and when we finally invite Him into our current thoughts, He comes to help there as well.

So, the two important elements needed in partnering daily with Jesus are:

1) OFFERING JESUS OUR FREE WILL ...

...and then ...

2) CHOOSING TO INVITE JESUS IN TO THE THOUGHTS OF OUR MINDS.

The Three Components of The Partnership For Life

To have a fruitful life, there are three components that are all needed for success :

1) a positive self-esteem and strong self-confidence ...

2) a well directed focus with good time management ...

3) an unencumbered commitment to delivering the desired goal.

If a person does not have self-confidence, (s)he will not even start. Procrastination, indecision and inertia will stop the process before it even begins. The next component involves moving in the right direction. A person needs to be clear about where (s)he is going or the time and effort will be wasted. However, even with good self-confidence and a well thought out plan, if the person de-commits along the way, there is no performance. A victorious life needs follow-through on the commitment for there to be results.

In part 2, we will examine how to partner with Christ for high self-confidence and how to counter the lies and negative input in our lives.
