



And Also With You

MID-JANUARY 2015

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JANUARY

SUNDAYS

10:00 am

Worship

(nursery provided)

Children's Chapel

6:30 pm

The Union's

Worship Service

(nursery provided)

MONDAYS

6:30pm-Graham

Cooke Bible Study-

Information: 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am

Women's Bible Study

Information: 990-2973

12:00 noon

Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am

Men's Group

Information: 422-3169



CHALICE BEARERS

January 18

Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

January 25

Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

February 1

Jane and Bob
Grafe

Not To Victory But *From* Victory



The Reverend Scott Davis

Graham Cooke says that we are always fighting with the certainty of victory, so we fight *from* the place of victory, not *towards* it. He also says that God starts with the outcome which He places in the future, and then He walks the steps back to the present. God always tells us the outcome so that we can walk the process in confidence. One of the examples Graham Cooke cites is when David confronts Goliath. God had told David that he would be king of Israel one day so David knew that he would not die when he engaged the giant.

Another example cited by Cooke comes from Mark 4 when Jesus and the disciples are caught in a storm at sea. The storm occurs *after* Jesus tells the twelve the outcome. They are to go to the other side. They should have known that they would not perish in the storm because Jesus had said that they will be doing kingdom work on the other side of the lake.

We live from the certainty *of* victory not *to* victory. Paul writes, "We are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:27) "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) Everything in the Christian life moves *from* victory rather than *to* victory. We

are already seated with Christ in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). We now walk out our salvation from this position. This is why we can be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. This is why even now we are, "the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

This gives the believer not only perspective but advantage in the game of life. Realizing that the end result is victory then it has to diminish the toxicity of fear that permeates the air we breathe. David did not have to be too afraid when running up to the giant who was a seasoned warrior. David knew the end of the story. The same is true with Jesus in Mark 4. This is why He can sleep in the back of

the boat while everyone is saying their final goodbyes and wishing they had hugged their wives just a little bit longer.

There are some movies that begin with the main character narrating from the end of the movie. You know that he is all right as he takes you back to an earlier time and begins to tell the story. When the story gets tense and you have no idea how he is going to resolve the problem, you then remember that the main character must get out of the dire situation or he could not have been at the future point introducing the beginning of the movie.

I have heard many believers state that they do not fear end times because they have read the end of the book. That statement has become a bit hackneyed, however, its truth is real. We know how the

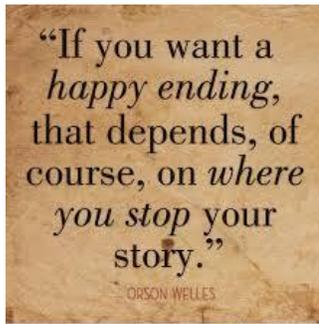
God is up to
something or
the devil wouldn't
be fighting you
this hard.
You're going to win!

Spiritual Inspiration

Not to Victory but from Victory from page 1

long, human story ends. This should actually lower our proverbial blood pressure rather than raise it.

We really are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. We really can do



all things through Christ who strengthens us. "But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our

Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15: 57).

Graham Cooke uses six steps when dealing with problem situations in his life to remind himself that we move from victory not to victory. He has learned the secret that each problem is about how to grow deeper in Jesus. These are the six steps.

- *Encourage your heart*; get into a place before God where you can begin to worship and really see Him and who He is for you.
- *Renew your mind*; think about your problem situation the way God thinks about it.
- *Dialogue with God*, but ask the right questions, not, "Why is this happening to me?" Instead, "What does this mean?" "What am I to do?"
- *Learn how to pursue God in the situation you are in*. The situation is not about current circumstances, but about who God wants to be in your life and what He wants to do.

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Congratulations to Frances Twitty
On the birth
Of her great-grandson,
Grady Brooks
Lee on January 12, 2015.



Grace Church was started in 2000. It is a Bible centered, Spirit

led, Sacramental church that models its life on the Early Church as mentioned in the book of Acts.

Worship on Sunday morning is casual in dress, informal in response, and aims to embrace the presence of the living God.

- *Discover the promise and the provision* God has for you in the circumstance you find yourself.
- *Fight with the enemy* over the ground to be taken.

These six useful tools help us to see problems in a different light. Problems are the tools God uses to form us into mature men and women in Christ. God does not send problems your way; the flesh, the world, and the devil do enough of that. Instead, God reforms what they send so that we become more than conquerors in Christ.

Garage Sale-
Saturday
January 24, 2015



The church is accepting donations for the January 24 garage sale from 8:am-12:noon. After Sunday, January 4, we will begin collecting items to sell later in the month. The church's kitchen is designated as the temporary storage area for donations. It will help if you would price items before leaving them at the church. Also, we need workers on the actual day of the sale to help with customers, take money, etc. Please let Father Scott know if you can help in this way.



Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.



Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch.