



Sermon Notes: Winning the Bible Way – Straight Talk 2

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Reference Scripture Genesis 28:10 - 18

Straight Talk – Our God is Victorious

We are connected to a God who is victorious. David declared this during a congregational prayer. God cannot be matched. No foe can withstand Him.

1 Chronicles 29:10 – 13.

Straight Talk – Establish a Winning Culture

Culture: *a way of life of a group of people--the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them.*

If we are to do the greater works in the earth. It's a matter of importance to communication, that the Church should establish a culture of winning in the Body of Christ. Not out of a secular greed or a spirit of competition, with the world or among the saints.

We establish this culture because victory and winning is the nature of our God. And through Christ, that same nature is in us. Don't allow a cloud of defeat to linger over you. As you move forward to accomplish the things God has assigned us to do. Know and understand you are more than a conqueror. You have the victory. We serve a God that wins. Therefore, in Christ, we are a part of a winning heritage. Better yet, a winning inheritance.

Winning Culture: Scripture References

2 Chronicles 20:29

Psalms 44:5

Mark 16: 17-18

The Layers of Winning

Winning like a puzzle. To complete. You must deal with pieces that intersect and connect. So, it is with winning. you must realize there are layers of winning. The layers of Winning are:

Struggle – The forceful or violent effort to get free, conflict, difficulty, and make a very great effort to do something: an open clash between two opposing persons or group.

Strategy – God’s plan of action or policy, promise, purpose designed to achieve a major or overall aim. A general direction God has declared and that encompasses his wisdom, to achieve a desired state in the future.

Providence - Timely preparation for future event. The means God uses to work in the world. A manifestation of divine care or direction; an instance of divine intervention. Coincidence, chance, luck, being at right places at the right time. God, or a force that is believed by some people to arrange the things that happen to us.

Self-Discovery - Process of learning more about yourself and who you are. Self-discovery begins with discovering who God is.

The God of Strategy

God is a God of Strategy. God does not react. God Acts.

God does everything out of the council (**wisdom**) of His Will.

God does everything in **accordance** with His Plan.

Ephesians 1:10-11

Power Tip: *"God had a strategy in the ugly places because those were the fields in which he decided to cultivate us."* - Thomas Dexter Jakes

God's Strategy for Jacob Gen 28:12-15

We find Jacob on the run, from his brother who has set out to kill him. This is a continuation of the ongoing struggles in Jacob's life. However, as he flees to the desert, he gets introduced to the strategic plan that God had for this stage of his life.

God has a Strategy for every stage of your life

Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

Winning The Bible Way: Alignment with God's Plan

Understand that God's strategy is a part of the winning puzzle. We must align ourselves with God's Plan for us.

Proverbs 16:3 ESV

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV

Proverbs 19:21 ESV

Power Tip: *"Whatever God has anointed you to do. Do it. Don't let what people think stop you". B. Jakes*

God has a Strategy for your struggle.

Don't focus on the struggle. Focus on the strategy

God has a strategy for where you are in your life now.

Ask God for a strategy for the struggle that's trying to hinder you.

Ask God for a strategy for where are now in your life.

The Providence of God

In the struggle, you will seemly stumble into the strategy/plan of God. This is the ***supernatural*** layer of Winning the Bible Way. This layer involves the sovereignty, the grace of God. We refer to it as being in the right place at the right time. The world calls it luck. As Christian we refer to God's Providence as, divine connections, divine networking, divine timing.

Power Tip: I often pray "Lord bring me into the path of those people that are critical to my success. Let me be at the right place at the right time. Talking with the right people." – Pastor Joe Starling

We must recognize and be conscience of this supernatural layer of winning, Providence, is God and his Grace, working behind the scenes of your life.

Providence: Stumbling into God's Plan

Running from his struggles, Jacob stumbles into the strategy of God.

Genesis 28: 11 – He lighted upon a certain place,

Genesis 6:8 Noah found God's Grace

Ruth 2:3 Ruth found Boaz's Field

The Providence of God: Lets Go Deeper

Romans 8:28-39

The Latin word provideo, from which we get our word **providence**, means "to see beforehand, a prior seeing, a foresight."

However, theologians make a distinction between the foreknowledge of God and the providence of God. The closest thing to this Latin word in the English language is the word provision.

Genesis 22:7-8 God Will Provide

The first usage of the word **providence** in the Old Testament is found when Abraham's offering of Isaac upon the altar. Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son. Abraham referred to God as

Jehovah jireh, "God will provide." That is the first time the Bible speaks of God's providence, which relate to God's making provisions for our needs.

The concept covers more ground than the idea of foreknowledge. In fact, the closest thing to this Latin word in our language is the word provision.

The first time we find the word providence in the Old Testament is in the narrative of Abraham's offering of Isaac upon the altar. God called Abraham to take his son Isaac, whom he loved, to a mountain and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham struggled with God's command, and as he arranged to carry out God's instructions, Isaac asked him, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" (Gen. 22:7). Abraham responded, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son" (v. 8).

Abraham spoke here of Jehovah jireh, "God will provide." That is the first instance where the Bible speaks of God's providence. God's making a provision for our needs.

Angels are at work: It's Supernatural

In the desert, what seem the worst place and the worst time. God Providence, God's Grace. Was working for Jacob.

Genesis 28:12 Angel Ascending and Descending

Hebrew 13:2 Angels Unaware

Hebrew 1:13-14 Ministering Spirit

Providence: All Things Working for your

Power Tip: *"We failed, but in the good providence of God apparent failure often proves a blessing."* - R.E. Lee

With struggles that comes with life. By His Providence. By His Grace. God will cause all things to work for your good. If you love Him and place a priority on what He has assigned you to do.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose."