

THRIVE IN THE BATTLE –Part 2

EVERYDAY LIFE VICTORY OVER BITTERNESS

TEXT: PSALMS 3 & 71

PASTOR'S NOTES: ERIC NAPOLI

PSALM 3 – “...But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory and the lifter of my head...”

OPENING: AM I TO BECOME A SAUL?

IN MY WILDERNESS, I ALWAYS HAVE A CHOICE WHETHER TO BE MEEK, BROKEN AND CONTRITE OR TO BECOME BITTER, BRITTLE AND SELF-RIGHTEOUS.

MAIN POINT: THE MOLDABLE, MEEK AND CHRIST-CONFIDENT BELIEVER IS CAPABLE OF THRIVING IN THE DARKEST AND DRIEST OF DAYS BECAUSE HIS MIND IS NOT UPON THE SITUATION AS MUCH AS UPON THE “SITUATOR” - OUR SOVEREIGN KING & SHIELD.

NOTE: BROKENNESS IN CHRIST, AS IT PERTAINS TO OUR SPIRITUAL STORY, IS WHAT DAVID EMPHASIZES AS A CONTRITE HEART – NOT ONE ANY LONGER BROKEN IN RELATIONSHIP FROM GOD, BUT A HEART THAT IS SOFT, DEPENDENT UPON GOD AND ABLE TO BE HEALED AND MOLDED BY THE LOVING FATHER'S HAND. THIS IS TO BE A CONTINUOUS REALITY FOR A BELIEVER WHO WANTS GOD TO WORK THROUGH HIS EVERYDAY LIFE.

BACKGROUND OF DAVID'S FLEEING FROM ABSALOM – II SAMUEL 15-19

HOW TO LIVE IN VICTORY OVER BITTERNESS – PSALM 3

REMEMBER THE BIGNESS OF THE SOVEREIGN I WORSHIP – 3:1

REMEMBER THE SMALLNESS OF THE WORDS THAT CUT ME – 3:2-3

REMEMBER THE BATTLE IS SPIRITUAL – 3:3-6

IT'S NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD – EPHESIANS 6:12

SALVATION (BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE) BELONGS TO THE LORD 3:3-8

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HOW TO THRIVE IN THE WILDERNESS OF OFFENSE – PSALM 71

CLING TO THE LORD AND HIS WISDOM AS YOUR ONLY HOPE – 71:1-8

HOLD FAST TO THE TRUTHS YOU LEARNED IN YOUR YOUTH – 71:17, 18

EMBRACE THE MEMORIES OF HIS GREAT GRACE TOWARDS YOU – 71:19, 20

LET THE WORSHIP FLOW FORTH FROM YOUR WILDERNESS 71:22-24

NOTE: BITTERNESS IS THE OUTFLOW OF ONE CAUGHT IN A WILDERNESS CHOOSING NOT TO REMEMBER WHERE THE SON, THE WATER OF LIFE OR THE MANNA COME FROM.

CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

**WHAT DOES THIS WORLD NEED MOST?
GIFTED PEOPLE, OUTWARDLY EMPOWERED?
OR BROKEN PEOPLE, INWARDLY EMPOWERED?**

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



DNA QUESTION: HOW CAN BROKENNESS WITHIN MY LIFE PRODUCE A THRIVING, GOD-GLORIFYING MEEKNESS THIS WEEK?

Note: A Great Resource for teaching on Brokenness is Gene Edwards' book [A Tale of Three Kings](#)