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# *In Prayer*

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NINE "IN PRAYER" CLUSTER-THEMES  
FOR FRUITFUL PRAYING

LESSON NINE

**THE VICTORY CLUSTER**

*Overcoming in Prayer*





# THE VICTORY CLUSTER

## *Overcoming in Prayer*

- Prevailing in Prayer
- Ruling in Prayer
- Conquering in Prayer

### ***2 Corinthians 2:14-16 (MSG)***

In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance. Because of Christ, we give off a sweet scent rising to God, which is recognized by those on the way of salvation—an aroma redolent with life...

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### **VOICES OF PRAYER**

“When we pray for the Spirit’s help... we will simply fall down at the Lord’s feet in our weakness. There we will find the victory and power that comes from His love.”

— Andrew Murray

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### ***Proverbs 21:31 (AMP)***

The horse is prepared for the day of battle, But deliverance *and* victory belong to the LORD.

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### **VOICES OF PRAYER**

“We’re under instructions to change the world. Once you have been rescued from it, you’ll need power to become a threat to it. The world which contained you in its grasp until now will not release its hold on others without a fight. Power

is the key to our victory, and prayer is the pathway to power.”  
— Jack Hayford

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***Psalm 118:13-16 (MSG)***

Pushed to the wall, I called to God; from the wide open spaces, he answered... God's my strength, he's also my song, and now he's my salvation. Hear the shouts, hear the triumph songs in the camp of the saved? "The hand of God has turned the tide! The hand of God is raised in victory! The hand of God has turned the tide!"

**EIGHT “FAITH FACTORS” OF  
VICTORIOUS PRAYING...**

1. Faith Factor One — Victorious Praying: EXALTS GOD

***Psalm 118:28 (NLT)***

You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!

2. Faith Factor Two — Victorious Praying: ENRICHES GROWTH

***1 Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)***

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

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**VOICES OF PRAYER**

“When God's house on earth is a house of prayer, *then* God's house in Heaven is busy and all-potent in its plans and movements; *then* His earthly armies are clothed with the triumphs and spoils of victory and His enemies defeated on every hand.”

— E. M. Bounds



### ***Proverbs 21:31 (MSG)***

Do your best, prepare for the worst—then trust God to bring victory.

## **THE GIFT OF OVERCOMING**

### ***John 16:33 (AMP)***

“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace. In the world you have tribulation *and* distress *and* suffering, but be courageous [be confident, be undaunted, be filled with joy]; I have overcome the world.” [My conquest is accomplished, My victory abiding.]

### ***1 John 4:4 (AMP)***

Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God *and* you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind].

### ***Revelation 2:26 (KJV)***

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations...

### ***Revelation 21:6-7 (NKJV)***

And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”

## **CASE STUDY: VICTORIOUS PRAYING AND A HIGH COURT VICTORY**

## VICTORY CLUSTER - INSIGHT ONE

### *Overcoming*

True is the statement that the real victory in all service is won beforehand in prayer. Service is merely the gathering up of the results of that prayer. Praying believers become God's overcomers who are promised access to the tree of life (Rev. 2:7), power over the nations (Rev. 2:26), their names inscribed forever in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 3:5), and an eternal inheritance encompassing all things (Rev. 21:7).

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### *Thoughts*

Based on Cluster Insight One, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what you believe are the keys to being victorious in prayer. Share an example of an occasion when you (or a friend or loved one) saw or received a special victory through your persistent prayers. (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight One of this teaching.)

### *Prayers*

Take a few moments in your prayer cluster (or even if you are alone and viewing or listening to this lesson) to pray for someone who you feel needs a real victory in his or her life, whether it be a friend, loved one or acquaintance.



## PART 1

### *Prevailing in Prayer*

#### VOICES OF PRAYER

“Much time spent with God is the secret of all successful praying. Prayer which is felt as a mighty force is the... immediate product of much time spent with God. Our short prayers owe their point and efficiency to the long ones that have preceded them. The short prevailing prayer cannot be prayed by one who has not prevailed with God in a mightier struggle of long continuance.”

— E. M. Bounds

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#### ***Deuteronomy 20:1-4 (MSG)***

When you go to war against your enemy and see horses and chariots and soldiers far outnumbering you, do not recoil in fear of them; God, your God, who brought you up out of Egypt is with you. When the battle is about to begin, let the priest come forward and speak to the troops. He'll say, “Attention, Israel... Don't waver in resolve. Don't fear. Don't hesitate. Don't panic. God, your God, is right there with you, fighting with you against your enemies, fighting to win.”

#### VOICES OF PRAYER

“There is no power like that of prevailing prayer... It turns ordinary mortals into men of power.”

— Samuel Chadwick

## EIGHT “FAITH FACTORS” OF VICTORIOUS PRAYING CONTINUED...

### 3. Faith Factor Three — Victorious Praying: EXERCISES AUTHORITY

#### ***Luke 10:19 (NKJV)***

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

### 4. Faith Factor Four — Victorious Praying: ELIMINATES STRONGHOLDS

#### ***2 Chronicles 30:26-27 & 31:1-2 (NKJV)***

So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, *there had been* nothing like this in Jerusalem. Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard; and their prayer came *up* to His holy dwelling place, to heaven. [Chapter 31:1-2] Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the *sacred* pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden images, and threw down the high places and the altars—from all Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh—until they had utterly destroyed them all.

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## VOICES OF PRAYER

“From one end of the Bible to the other, we find the record of people whose prayers have been answered



— people who turned the tide of history by prayer,  
men who prayed fervently and whom God answered.”

— Billy Graham

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## VOICES OF PRAYER

“According to Jesus, by far the most important thing  
about praying is to keep at it.”

— Frederick Buechner

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### ***2 Samuel 23:9-10 (MSG)***

Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite was the next of the elite Three. He was with David when the Philistines poked fun at them at Pas Dammim. When the Philistines drew up for battle, Israel retreated. But Eleazar stood his ground and killed Philistines right and left until he was exhausted—but he never let go of his sword! A big win for God that day...

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## VOICES OF PRAYER

“Of all the mysteries of the prayer world, the need of persevering prayer is one of the greatest... Just as the ploughman has to take his ten thousand steps, and sow his ten thousand seeds, each one a preparation for the final harvest, so there is a need-be for oft-repeated persevering prayer, all working out some desired blessing.”

— Andrew Murray



**1 Corinthians 9:24 (MSG) “Run to Win”**

You’ve all been to the stadium and seen the athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win.

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**VOICES OF PRAYER**

“All the powers of evil seek to hinder us in prayer. Prayer is a conflict with opposing forces. It needs the whole heart and all our strength. May God give us grace to strive in prayer till we prevail.”

— Andrew Murray

**CASE STUDY: THE MIRACLE AT SALERNO****NOTES**

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## VICTORY CLUSTER - INSIGHT TWO

### *Prevailing*

Prevailing in prayer is praying to win! It is prayer that continually contends until the answer comes. To prevail through prayer is to exercise authority in Jesus' name and eliminate strongholds through the authority of God's Word. Prevailing prayer doesn't waver, doesn't fear, doesn't hesitate, and doesn't panic (Deut. 20:4, MSG). Prevailing prayer is winning prayer.

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### *Thoughts*

Based on Cluster Insight Two, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster concerning what you believe it means to contend and prevail in prayer. How would this kind of praying differ from ordinary praying? (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Two of this teaching.)

### *Prayers*

Turn your thoughts regarding Cluster Insight Two (or any impression from the scripture passages shared in this teaching segment) into a prayer that expresses your desire to contend in prayer for a specific need until you see the answer.

## HARVEST INCENSE *National Focus*

### *Revelation 8:3-4 (MSG)*

“...Then another Angel, carrying a gold censer, came and stood at the Altar. He was given a great quantity of incense so that he could offer up the prayers of all the holy people of God on the Golden Altar before the Throne. Smoke billowed up from the incense-laced prayers of the holy ones, rose before God from the hand of the Angel.”

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## PART 2

### *Ruling in Prayer*

#### ***Revelation 2:26-28 (MSG)***

Here's the reward I have for every conqueror, everyone who keeps at it, refusing to give up: You'll rule the nations, your Shepherd-King rule as firm as an iron staff, their resistance fragile as clay pots. This was the gift my Father gave me; I pass it along to you—and with it, the Morning Star!

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#### **VOICES OF PRAYER**

“If all regenerate church members in Western Christendom were to intercede daily simply for the most obvious spiritual concerns visible in their homes, their workplaces, their local churches and denominations, their nations and the world... the transformation which would result would be incalculable.”

—Richard Lovelace

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#### ***2 Timothy 2:8-13 (MSG)***

Fix this picture firmly in your mind: Jesus, descended from the line of David, raised from the dead... This is a sure thing: if we die with him, we'll live with him; If we stick it out with him, we'll rule with him; If we turn our backs on him, he'll turn his back on us; If we give up on him, he does not give up—for there's no way he can be false to himself.

## EIGHT “FAITH FACTORS” OF VICTORIOUS PRAYING CONTINUED...

### 5. Faith Factor Five — Victorious Praying: ENCOMPASSES NATIONS

#### ***2 Kings 19:19 (NKJV)***

Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his [King Sennacherib’s] hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God, You alone.

#### ***Psalms 2:8 (NKJV)***

Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations *for* Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth *for* Your possession.

### 6. Faith Factor Six — Victorious Praying: ENLISTS HEAVEN

#### ***2 Chronicles 32:20-22 (NKJV)***

Now... King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain... of Assyria... Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah... from the hand of Sennacherib... and from the hand of all *others*, and guided them on every side.

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## VOICES OF PRAYER

“When the Church shuts herself up to the power of the inner chamber, and the soldiers of the Lord have received on their knees ‘power from on high,’ then the powers of darkness shall be shaken and souls will be delivered.”

—Andrew Murray



## VOICES OF PRAYER

“Prayer is not overcoming God’s reluctance. It is laying hold of His willingness.”

—Martin Luther

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### ***Revelation 5:7-10 (CEV)***

The Lamb... took the scroll from the right hand of the one who sat on the throne. After he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders knelt down before him. Each of them had a harp and a golden bowl full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. Then they sang a new song, “You are worthy to receive the scroll and open its seals, because... with your own blood you bought for God people from every tribe, language, nation, and race. You let them become kings and serve God as priests, and they will rule on earth.”

### ***Revelation 22:1-5 (MSG)***

Then the Angel showed me Water-of-Life River, crystal bright. It flowed from the Throne of God and the Lamb... The Throne of God and of the Lamb is at the center... Never again will there be any night. No one will need lamplight or sunlight. The shining of God, the Master, is all the light anyone needs. And they will rule with him age after age after age.

## **CASE STUDY: RULING AND REIGNING OVER TYPHOON CAM**

## VICTORY CLUSTER - INSIGHT THREE

### *Ruling*

True believers are promised in Scripture to rule and reign as governing authorities with Christ after His return to earth (Rev. 22:5). There is no discipline or exercise apart from believing prayer that is greater than training and equipping believers for this capacity to rule and reign with Christ in His universal and eternal kingdom. Prayer is the University of Overcoming. Those who overcome, rule. Those who rule, reign!

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### *Thoughts*

Based on Cluster Insight Three, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding the importance of becoming overcomers through prayer. How do you think prayer prepares the believer for a role of ruling and reigning with Christ in His eternal Kingdom? (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Three of this teaching.)

### *Prayers*

Take time to pray for personal victory over any obstacles in your own life that you feel might keep you from being an overcomer in prayer.



## PART 3

### *Conquering in Prayer*

#### **1 Corinthians 15:56-58 (AMP)**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin [by which it brings death] is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory [as conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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#### **VOICES OF PRAYER**

“Long-lasting victory can never be separated from a long-lasting stand on the foundation of the cross.”

—Watchman Nee

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#### **Revelation 3:5 (MSG)**

Conquerors will march in the victory parade, their names indelible in the Book of Life. I'll lead them up and present them by name to my Father and his Angels.

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#### **VOICES OF PRAYER**

“In due time the weeping intercessor will become the rejoicing winner of souls.”

—C. H. Spurgeon

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#### **EIGHT “FAITH FACTORS” OF VICTORIOUS PRAYING CONTINUED...**

7. Faith Factor Seven — Victorious Praying:  
ENHANCES RELATIONSHIPS



**Mark 11:25-26 (NKJV)**

And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.

8. Faith Factor Eight — Victorious Praying:  
EXPECTS ANSWERS

**1 John 5:14 (NKJV)**

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

**Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV)**

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

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**VOICES OF PRAYER**


“It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray; but we must patiently, believingly continue in prayer, until we obtain an answer.”

—George Mueller

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**1 Peter 5:4 (AMP)**

And when the Chief Shepherd (Christ) appears, you will receive the [conqueror's] unfading crown of glory.





## VOICES OF PRAYER

“Prayer can do anything that God can do.”

—E. M. Bounds

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### ***Romans 8:35-39 (NKJV)***

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

*Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## VOICES OF PRAYER

“To be more than a conqueror means that before you ever get a problem, you already know that whatever problem comes your way, you can overcome it through Christ. You live with confidence that God loves you no matter what and He will never leave you nor forsake you.”

—Joyce Meyers

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## CASE STUDY: BELIEVING PRAYER AND A WASH-TUB MIRACLE

## VICTORY CLUSTER - INSIGHT FOUR

### *Conquering*

Persistent intercessors often become victorious

conquerers. Through their persevering prayers these intercessors vanquish, subdue, overcome, and even rout the enemies of the Gospel. They not only conquer, but as the Apostle Paul explains (Rom. 8:37), they become more than conquerors. They frustrate the enemy and put him and his forces to flight. They become winning warriors, vanquishing victors and overpowering overcomers. They confirm the words of the theologians: “History belongs to the intercessors.”

## THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

### *Thoughts*

Based on Cluster Insight Four, share your thoughts within your prayer cluster regarding what Paul's words of believers becoming “more than conquerors” means. How do you think our praying can actually “frustrate” our enemy? Can you think of any accounts from history or in the Bible where this has happened? (If you are alone as this teaching streams from our website or if you're watching on a DVD, take these moments to meditate on Insight Four of this teaching.)

### *Prayers*

As a group (in your prayer cluster) pray for any major local, national or global issues where you would like to see the enemy “frustrated” and “routed” through your prayers.



## HARVEST INCENSE *Global Focus*

### ***Revelation 8:3-4 (MSG)***

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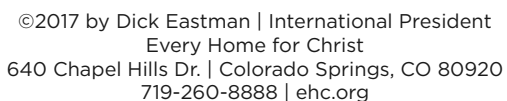
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