

Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who has overcome all things that we might be overcomers. I love the story of Joseph who regardless of his circumstances was able to always come out on top. When his brothers put him a pit and intended to kill him, he came out victorious because he had a dream and it wasn't about him dying in a pit but about nations bowing down before him. No sooner was he taken out of the pit until he was sold to the Ishmaelites who sold him to Potiphar. What is interesting in all this is that Potiphar recognized that God was with him. When he was thrown into prison the keeper of the guard recognized that God we with him. When he interpreted Pharaoh's dream Pharaoh recognized that God was with him. In each case Joseph was lifted above the circumstances and became in charge. All of this happened because God was with him.

Today we face many unfavorable circumstances and sometimes wish they would all go away but God has other plans. God wants to be recognized by making us a victorious people.

It doesn't matter what the government is; Egyptian, Roman or American, God is able to make us the head and not the tale. To be above only and not beneath.

Deuteronomy 28:13 "And the LORD shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be always above, and you shall not be beneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, to observe and to do them."

When God led the Hebrew children into the promised land He instructed them to destroy all the nation out of the land and even sent hornets to drive them out. Joshua didn't obey God and left some of the people in the land, then we read this in Judges chapter two.

Judges 2:20-23 "Then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice, "I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, "so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept them, or not." Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua."

Judges 3:4-5 "And they were left, that He might <u>test Israel by them</u>, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites."

Jesus is always lifting us up to be MORE THAN. Joseph was always a MORE THAN. Romans 8:37 "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

In the first three chapters of the book of Revelation we read of all the problems in the churches so if the churches have so many problems why does God leave us in them. The answer isn't about the problems, but is in the fact that He is making us to be overcomers.

HE WHO OVERCOMES. HE WHO OVERCOMES.

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support. Your Servant in Christ. ><> Wayne Brooke<><