

# Long Lies

Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

# A mandate to all

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Every person in this room:

- has been given at least one grace gift (ability)
- has gifts whose primary purpose are to serve others
- has a responsibility to steward their gift faithfully

# A renewed mind

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God---this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is---his good, pleasing and perfect will.

# The internal chorus of dissent

- I sense worldly thinking when God speaks and things internally disagree - an internal chorus of dissent
- 2 Corinthians 10:15 as your **faith** continues to grow,
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 your **faith** is growing more and more
- Colossians 1:10 growing in the **knowledge** of God,
- 1 Peter 2:2 grow up in your **salvation**,
- 2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the **grace** and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# A renewed mind

Nehemiah 8:9 Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. 10 Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, **for the joy of the Lord is your strength.**” 11 The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

# A renewed mind

Psalm 21:1 The king rejoices in your strength, Lord. How great is his joy in the victories you give! 2 You have granted him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips.

John 16:23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

# A renewed mind



# The Long Battle

John 5:3 Here (Bethesda pool) a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” 7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

# Overcomer's thoughts

## Against the Lie of hopelessness

My prayers are powerful and effective **James 5:16**

I can overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit's power **Romans 15:13**

I am in a covenant with Almighty God sealed in the blood of His Son **Luke 22:2, Hebrews 12:24**

# Overcomer's thoughts

## Against the Lie of hopelessness

There is surely a future hope for me which cannot be cut off **Proverbs 23:18, Jeremiah 29:11**

I am the deeply loved child of the Living God  
**1 John 3:1**

# Overcomer's thoughts

## Against the Lie about God's nature

He cares deeply about what happens in my life *Psalm 55:22, 1 Peter 5:7*

My sins and lawless deeds He remembers no more *Hebrews 10:17-19*

Jesus wants me to do greater works than He did *John 14:12*

# Overcomer's thoughts

## Against the Lie about God's nature

Jesus plans for me to grow up in love, in knowledge of Him, in faith and in understanding - not in suffering **2 Peter 3:18**

# We are believing God for:

Transformed lives and open doors for the gospel  
Storehouses unlocked and Miracles created,  
Dreams and Visions, The clear Voice of God  
Divine Visitations with encounters and Manifestations,  
Anointing, Gifts, and Calls released,  
Positions, careers and promotions established,  
Provisions and Resources to go to the nations;  
Souls from every generation saved and set free,  
Wisdom and knowledge, Discernment and Unity.

# The Long selective Memory

Isaiah 43:18 “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

1 Corinthians 6:10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.