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First, I want to thank our Pastors for the message they've been preaching to us the last few weeks. How many winners do we have in the house? Do you remember the 4 codes they shared with us last week? **Sacrificio, Esfuerzo, Guardar, Compromiso.** Today, I'll stay in the same vein and bring you a related message about Winning, but first a short story.

The story about my mom teaching me how to win.

When I was 6 years old, my mom showed me the school where winners went, and said to me, 'Son, this is the school I want you to go to at 12 years old. It's a school that will prepare you to win tomorrow.' You see, my mom was a teacher, and gave birth to me when she turned 22 years old. She raised me alone without a father, but she knew how to make a man of her son and how to give him the opportunity to become a winner!

So, I made a decision in my heart that I would go to that school when I was ready for secondary school.

My mom taught me good study habits so I could position myself.

I prepared in primary school knowing my destination at 12 years old. I got good grades and became top of my class.

Then I committed to pass the entrance exams to that school at 12 years old.

I knew that is where I would be going. Because I wanted to win.

There, I met kids whose parents owned large businesses or worked in high positions in the government or military. This school was the best in my country and produced a ton of winners, some of whom I'm still in touch with today.

My mom taught me what it means to be a winner! However, the biggest lesson about winning started when I turned 24 years old when I decided to follow the Ultimate Winner, I read His book for 2 years from cover to cover many times, seeking the truth, and once I knew He was the truth, 2 years later I committed to studying His ways and His word. So today, let me share with you **3 Characteristics of a WINNER!**

- 1. Winners make a decision, once they have the vision.** (You can't make a good decision without first having the right vision, yes?)

1. Jesus knew his calling. So once He launched his ministry He told everyone what he came to do. What was that? *To preach the gospel of the kingdom.* Now to be clear He explained what exactly that means. See Luke 4:

[18](#)"EL ESPIRITU DEL SEÑOR ESTA SOBRE MI, PORQUE ME HA UNGIDO PARA ANUNCIAR EL EVANGELIO A LOS POBRES. ME HA ENVIADO PARA PROCLAMAR LIBERTAD A LOS CAUTIVOS, Y LA RECUPERACION DE LA VISTA A LOS CIEGOS; PARA PONER EN LIBERTAD A LOS OPRIMIDOS;

[19](#)PARA PROCLAMAR EL AÑO FAVORABLE DEL SEÑOR."

Now in case that wasn't clear, when John sent His disciples to Jesus, because he started having some doubt, here's what Jesus told them in Luke 7:

[22](#)Entonces El les respondió: "Vayan y cuenten a Juan lo que han visto y oído: los CIEGOS RECIBEN LA VISTA, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios y los sordos oyen, los muertos son resucitados y a los POBRES SE LES ANUNCIA EL EVANGELIO. [23](#)"Y bienaventurado es el que no se escandaliza de Mí."

Not only will you get saved but this gospel / this good news brings freedom on many different levels here and now. Freedom from sickness and diseases, freedom from poverty and freedom from death. All in all, He brought us freedom from the sin that so easily beset us.

2. Example for me is once I met Jocelyn and we started talking to each other, I knew I had to make an important decision. My decision was to marry her. And just like Jesus announced his good news to the world I knew I had to do the same. I brought her to the church, and at the right time, proposed to her in front of everyone. **I had decided to win!**
3. What about you? What decision have you made to win? In your personal life? In your business? Have you decided to win yet? Let's go to the second characteristic!

2. **Once they make a decision, Winners must now position themselves.**

Let's see how to position ourselves to receive from God. God has given us His word and all the promises that come to it. To be clear there are promises in this book that go to the Jew and there are those who are for the new born again Christian. See what Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1:3-4

³Pues Su divino poder nos ha concedido todo cuanto concierne a la vida y a la piedad, mediante el verdadero conocimiento de Aquél que nos llamó por Su gloria y excelencia. ⁴Por ellas El nos ha concedido Sus preciosas y maravillosas promesas, a fin de que ustedes lleguen a ser partícipes de la naturaleza divina, habiendo escapado de la corrupción que hay en el mundo por causa de los malos deseos.

It's up to us to position ourselves to take action with it. This means we need to position ourselves to use our faith and take action.

1. Jesus positioned Himself as a rabbi. He started doing miracles all over the place. But he had a system. He first chose 12 followers. He then sent the 12. Then he sent the 70 in every place He would go. They shared the message that He heals, He delivers from sickness, disease, and poverty. So what happened in each town he passed through? People sought Him out to be healed and delivered from sickness, disease and demonic oppression. They sought him for bread, especially after he feed 5000+. He was a man of action. Once He positioned Himself He started doing the message He came to share: the good news. Let me ask, did He raise the dead? Did He cast out demons? Did He clean the lepers?
2. In my case once I proposed marriage to Jocelyn it was time to position myself to marry her. It didn't matter that I was in the US during a pandemic. We started making plans to be married. Told the pastor and he recommended some great people. Also we had to now decide how we would bring our families together. What would be the new arrangements? Where would she and I live once married? This is positioning myself to win in marriage. I prepared.
3. Let me ask you: In your life. How are you positioning yourself to win? What about in your business? Have you put the message out yet with your marketing? Did you send out your 12 disciples or your 70 Facebook and Google ads yet?

3. After positioning themselves, winners must commit. Commitment means no matter the cost, no matter the obstacles I don't quit the journey. You see, winning is not a destination, it's a journey!

1. Jesus shows His commitment by embracing the cross. For this reason He had come. For God so loved the world He committed His Son to become the ultimate sacrifice for us, so that those who took the message would overcome the world with their faith in God. Many times Jesus reminds His disciples

that the way up comes by commitment to sacrifice. 'Pick up your cross and follow Me' He said. He committed to the vision of Papá! He knew the path would be hard. Isaiah told us that His face was completely unrecognizable on that cross. He took upon Himself your sin, my sin and sickness and diseases and blotted them out at that cross. He made us free on that cross. Thank you Jesus!

2. In my case with my wife, I married her. Now make no mistake this means I am committed to her for life regardless of what obstacles come along the way I am going over it, through it and overcome it with her. This is marriage. It is not just on the good days when we are happy and joyful but also on the bad days when opportunity comes to be offended at each other and we make the choice we will make it and not quit.
3. In your life obstacles will come. So will you make a commitment to overcome? Or are you giving yourself a way out of the commitment? I hope not. This is a word for someone here. Don't quit just because you are not seeing fruit yet. Stay committed. The race is not over. It's a journey! Remember Pastor Drenda's message in December 2019? Keep pedaling! Soon you will get over your mountain and the pedaling will get easier on the other side of the mountain!

4. Now for the bonus. Once winners commit fully then they start overcoming. They start seeing the harvest.

1. We have a wonderful couple in our church that committed to the race and now they are about to have a wonderful new baby. You know about their soon coming Baby Joe. Congratulations Itzel and Pedro. He will be here soon indeed!
2. In my case last year, like this couple I just mentioned, I committed to marriage. I married Jocelyn, and we're making a life together with God's blessings! Yesterday we celebrated 9 months of marriage! Aleluya! I also committed to sowing more and stay focused on managing my business with new software tools. So far this year, my business has doubled, and I have received more than 2X what I did by this time last year. Aleluya!
3. What about you? Did you commit? Are you starting to see the harvest yet? Don't cave in and quit. The harvest comes to winners. Then comes the real

work.

4. Jesus made us all a powerful promise in the book of Revelation/Apocalipsis.
 1. To him who overcomes will I make a pillar in the house of my God. I write a new name on his forehead. If you overcome, then I will... says Jesus.
 2. Apocalipsis 2
 1. 7 - "...Al vencedor le daré a comer del árbol de la vida, que está en el paraíso de Dios."
 2. 11 - "...El vencedor no sufrirá daño de la muerte segunda."
 3. 17 - "...Al vencedor le daré del maná escondido y le daré una piedrecita blanca, y grabado en la piedrecita un nombre nuevo, el cual nadie conoce sino aquél que lo recibe."
 4. 26 - "Al vencedor, al que guarda Mis obras hasta el fin, LE DARE AUTORIDAD SOBRE LAS NACIONES; 27 Y LAS REGIRA CON VARA DE HIERRO, COMO LOS VASOS DEL ALFARERO SON HECHOS PEDAZOS, como Yo también he recibido autoridad de Mi Padre. 28 "Y le daré el lucero de la mañana."
 3. Apocalipsis 3
 1. 5 - "Así el vencedor será vestido de vestiduras blancas y no borraré su nombre del Libro de la Vida, y reconoceré su nombre delante de Mi Padre y delante de Sus ángeles.
 2. 12 - "Al vencedor le haré una columna en el templo de Mi Dios, y nunca más saldrá de allí. Escribiré sobre él el nombre de Mi Dios y el nombre de la ciudad de Mi Dios, la nueva Jerusalén, que descende del cielo de Mi Dios, y Mi nombre nuevo.
 3. 21 - "Al vencedor, le concederé sentarse conmigo en Mi trono, como yo también vencí y me senté con Mi Padre en Su trono.

Galatians 6:9 tells us "Don't be weary in well doing for in due time we will receive the harvest in due time, if we don't quit."
"Así que no nos cansemos de hacer el bien. A su debido tiempo, cosecharemos numerosas bendiciones si no nos damos por vencidos."

4. You are an overcomer! **Decide** that now! **Position** yourself and **commit to winning** regardless of what obstacles may come, for obstacles will come once you're doing His will!
5. **Here's the real question my friend:** what is stopping you from winning today?

Is it your decision? Did you decide whether winning is for you? Did you position yourself yet or are you still waiting for the clouds, the sun and moon and stars to line up? Have you committed yourself fully to

the calling, to your family, to your business, knowing that whatsoever a man sows that shall He reap?

6. It would give me the greatest pleasure today to help you identify where you are stuck so you can move forward.
7. If you will commit now let us open our mouths together to declare our faith and start moving from whatever position where you may have stopped so you can keep moving forward to living the life of the overcomer!

Repeat after me. Diga conmigo - Aleluya

Soy más que un vencedor/ una vencedora

Hoy yo tomo la decisión de caminar contigo Señor. Tu eres mi Dios y Dueño de mi ser, y soy tuyo. Te seguiré.

Tomo la decisión de conocerte en espíritu y verdad.

Tomo la decisión de leer tu palabra cada día y de conocer el pacto que hiciste conmigo.

Tomo la decisión de sembrar tu palabra.

Tomo la posición de sembrar en tu reino.

Yo tomo mi posición como padre o madre a afectar mis hijos, sobrinos y nietos.

Yo tomo mi posición como estudiante de afectar mis amigos, mis compañeros de estudio.

Yo tomo la posición como empleo o negociante de afectar mi compañía, mis compañeros de trabajo con tus buenas nuevas.

Yo tomo mi posición de recibir tu palabra. De caminar con sabiduría. De conectarme con tu iglesia para recibir y afectar otros con mi testimonio.

Hoy yo hago un compromiso contigo Señor de caminar con tu Espíritu como tu caminaste con El en ese mundo para afectar el mundo. Para llevar tu amor y poder a ese mundo.

Me comprometo a recibir la cosecha y trabajar para recoger la cosecha que tu me enviaste. Cosecha en la gente que están listas a recibir tu verdad. Cosecha en mi trabajo o negocio. Cosecha de abundancia en mi familia. Aleluya.

Gálatas 6:9 –“Así que no nos cansemos de hacer el bien. No nos damos por vencidos!
We won't quit. No nos rendiremos y tampoco cansemos!

Gracias Papa por tu gracia.

Gracias Papa - Con tu Espíritu y tu palabra somos más que vencedores.

Gracias Papa que podemos estar en tu presencia hoy, y pronto vamos escuchar más testimonios de la cosecha en medio de nuestra iglesia.

Gracias para nuestros pastores y la visión de nuestra casa. Y sobretodo para nuestro nuevo templo en aquel nos encontramos muy pronto. Aleluya.

Donde son los ganadores?! Aleluya! Amen! Amen! Amen!