



Title : **WIN FROM WITHIN**

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**WORSHIP:** Sing one or two songs (either from You Tube, or someone leading worship). If you're in a public place, café or on video messaging, three to four people can share testimonies of answered prayers.  
**Q:** What are you thankful to God about this past week?

**Main Text: Colossians 1:26-27**  
*"This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory." Colossians 1:26-27*

**Leader's Notes:**

1. Start and end on time.
2. Facilitate discussions.
3. Give all attendees opportunities to share. Encourage participation.
4. Remind everyone that whatever shared in the group will be kept within the group.
5. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit if there's someone who you can lead to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior and be born again.

**WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer**  
**Q:** How can we pray for you today?  
**Q:** Do you have any concern about understanding the Bible? Do you need help?  
 Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another.  
 If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well.

**WELCOME: Win from Within**  
**Intro:** Win from Within is from a Gatorade commercial highlighting the importance of what we got on the inside to win in sports and life. This phrase can be applied too in our journey of faith. What we have developed or failed to develop inside of us determines whether we will make it to the end or not. I believe this is the key to enduring the race of faith to the very end.  
**Ice Breaker: Can you share your thoughts?**  
*"During World War II a young soldier named David Webster of Easy Company of the 101st Airborne wrote his mother: "Stop worrying about me. I joined the paratroopers to fight. I intend to fight. If necessary, I shall die fighting, but don't worry about this because no war can be won without young men dying. Those things which are precious are saved only by sacrifice." <https://ministry127.com/illustration-search>*

**WORD & Discussion Questions:**

1. We need to be in constant connection with Christ who is in us.  
*"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7*  
 We connect with God through reading His Word and during times of prayer. We cannot win the battles within us unless we are connecting with God on a regular & consistent basis.  
**Q: Do you have a regular time of prayer and Bible reading?**
2. We can overcome every obstacle when we know Christ  
*"And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth." John 17:3 NLT*  
 Read: Colossians 1:15-22 NLT, 1 John 4:4 NIV  
 Life is filled with challenges and obstacles and being a follower of Christ does not exempt us from those. As we constantly read God's Word, as we deepen our communion with God in prayer, we develop a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. We discover how we can overcome the difficult situations that come in our lives because of Christ in us.  
**Q: Would you be able to share yone of your most recent life challenges?**

**Conclusion:** A testimony from Pastor Junie...  
*A person who I mentor and constantly pray for met with me last week and shared His recent reconnection with the presence of God or the Holy Spirit. He shared it with such joy and passion and narrated what led to this experience and how he now enjoys every day the precious fellowship with the Holy Spirit. He now lives a vibrant and hope-filled life which is a stark contrast to his state before his fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit He was burned-out, full of fear, and the feeling of a life of constant struggle like running up a steep hill was how he saw life and ministry were. He reconnected with Christ who is in him and everything changed.  
 "He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:18-20 NIV*  
 What does it mean to rejoice that we have our names written in heaven? That we have been reconciled with God through Christ and have the privilege of being in a relationship with Him. We need to cultivate this relationship, enjoy God and His glory both now and in eternity. Our relationship with God is of utmost importance and everything else flows out of it.