

WAY MAKER,
Miracle worker,
PROMISE KEEPER,
Light in the darkness



I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

John 8:12 (NIV®)

TURNING POINT
CHURCH of League City, TX

Welcome to . . .

Turning Point

CALL US FAMILY! CALL IT HOME!

The world has never seen a king like Christ, a ruler mightier than any earthly sovereign and more powerful than the unseen powers of the universe. Though he entered the world humbly, as an infant born in Bethlehem, Magi from the east still recognized him as the newborn king. Though his reign unfolds in hidden ways, he has promised to come again, at which time he will reveal himself unambiguously as "King of kings and Lord of lords." When you pray to Jesus, the King of kings, call to mind his mastery not only over human beings but over nature, disease, and death itself.

*On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:
king of kings and lord of lords. Revelation 19:16*

What are you worried about? Do you need clothes or food or a roof over your head? I own the cattle on a thousand hills. Are you worried about your marriage, your career, your children? I am compassionate toward all I have made. Are you anxious because you don't have today what you need for tomorrow? I open my hand to satisfy the desires of every living thing.

I am with you always, to the very end of the age. These are the promises of our great and faithful King. Pray for the grace today to seek first his kingdom, and all these things will be added to you as well.

FEB 5, 2023

SUNDAY – FEB 5

10:00 am **Sunday School**
Worship Service
Children's Church
Men's Monthly Meeting

WEDNESDAY – FEB 8

10:00 am **Intercessory Prayer**

SUNDAY – FEB 12

09:00 am **Sunday School**
Worship Service
Children's Church
Ladies' Monthly Meeting

*The offering today will go to the
Missions fund.*

SPECIAL PRAYER

Dahlia Hall
Lauretta Maxwell
Patsy McCarley
Meri-Lyn Evans
Richard Rollar

Bonnie Hatfield
Carollon Kivch
Raye Murphy
Cheryl Zielke



Men's Monthly Meeting will be here at the church tonight at 6:00 pm. Please feel free to bring a friend for a great time of fellowship and the Word.

Ladies will hold their Monthly Meeting at 6:00pm on Feb 12th here at the church. Please come and join us for a wonderful time in the Lord.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 5 Sunday School
 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 Men's Monthly Meeting
- Feb 8 Intercessory Prayer
- Feb 12 Sunday School
 Worship Service
 Children's Church
 Ladies' Monthly Meeting

AND MORE TO COME

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The Elements of Victory

By Daryl Wingerd

Christians are people who have been saved by the grace of God through the sacrificial, substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. Not a single person will attain to eternal life as a reward for his own moral perfection, but only through the grace of God in Christ Jesus. As true



and as glorious as this is, the genuine Christian life is also one of personal victory over sin rather than continuing slavery to it. I am not describing moral perfection, but I *am* describing a general pattern of victory over the sinful passions of the flesh. As John wrote, “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God’s seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God” (1 John 3:9).

Paul addressed this in Romans 8:12-13 when he wrote, “If you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” As a Christian, you *must* fight this battle. In fact, if you really are a Christian, you *are* fighting this battle. You are not enslaved to the sinful passions of your flesh, but you *are* engaged in a seemingly never-ending war against them.

As with any victory in any war, your victory over sin will be the result of you employing every available weapon against this deadly foe. Your weapons for this fight do not come from your own resources. They are supplied by God, revealed in the Bible, and deployed in battle by the power of his Spirit. Even so, you are not passive in this fight. Instead, you must build up your God-given defenses, stay awake and alert, aim the rifle, and pull the trigger—again, and again, and again.

These are your weapons of warfare, the elements of your victory over sin:

Knowledge and Meditation

To experience victory over sin, you must know and meditate on truth—not only the glorious truth of what Jesus did *for* you on the cross, but also what God has done *in* you through his Spirit. You were dead in your trespasses and sins, but God has made you alive in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:1-5). You live in a body that is inclined toward sin, and the old you was well-versed in sinning. But the old you is dead, having been crucified with Christ. The new you has been raised with him to walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:1-11; Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:1-3). Your new heart is an honest and good heart (Luke 8:15; cf.

Luke 6:43-45), not like the old one that was characterized by corruption and deceit (Jer. 17:9-10). Meditate on these truths, keeping them in the forefront of your thinking. Then, conduct yourself according to who you really are, not according to who you were before Jesus saved you. As a Christian, walk in righteousness, “seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator (Col. 3:9-10).

Vigilance and Prayer

As strong as your good intentions may be to avoid sinning, you are still weak in the face of temptation. Never under-estimate the deceitfulness of sin. Prayerfully rely on God to deliver you daily from the sins that so easily entangle you. As Jesus commanded just hours before Peter denied him three times, you must “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Mark 14:38).

Humility and Wisdom

Just as you should never under-estimate the deceitfulness of sin, you should never over-estimate your ability to resist it. Acknowledge your own areas of weakness and keep away from them. Do you struggle with lust? Do you struggle with the sinful use of alcohol? Wisdom would tell you to stop engaging in activities that bring these temptations to your doorstep. As Puritan Thomas Brooks wrote, “He who will be so bold as to attempt to dance upon the brink of the pit may find by woeful experience that it is a righteous thing with God that he should fall into the pit!” Or as Paul wrote, “Let anyone who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12).

Fellowship and Accountability

Christians are never taught in the Bible to go it alone. The Bible gives no hint of instruction that would lead a Christian to prefer the life of a self-sufficient loner. Your life as a Christian is designed by God to be lived out in a committed and submissive relationship with other believers. As the Proverb says, “Whoever separates himself seeks his own desire; he quarrels against all sound wisdom” (Prov. 18:1). Believers are taught to encourage, exhort, and even rebuke each other when necessary (Prov. 27:6, 17; 28:23; Matt. 18:15; Luke 17:3-4; 1 Thess. 5:14; 5:11; Heb. 3:13). You need this committed and honest relationship of accountability with other believers. You need to be in faithful membership with a local church. This is God’s design to see you safely through this life just as surely as the ark was his design to see Noah and his family through the flood.