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Final Victory: A Leader's Confidence in the Triumph Of God

1 Corinthians 15:50-55 NKJV

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

Every leader faces moments when the weight of responsibility, the pressure of expectations, and the reality of human limitations press in. Paul reminds us that leadership rooted in Christ is never anchored in human strength alone. Our confidence is not in what we can produce, but in what God has already promised. Paul lifts our eyes beyond the temporarily and toward the ultimate assurance, Final Victory.

Hear what Paul is telling us:

- 1. Final Victory Gives Leaders Perspective:** A leader must see beyond the natural. (v.50)
 - **2 Corinthians 5:7** *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*
- 2. Final Victory Gives Leaders Hope:** Hope keeps leaders from surrendering to discouragement. (vv.51-52)
 - **Romans 12:12** *Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.*
- 3. Final Victory Gives Leaders Courage:** Courage flows from knowing that the worst has already been defeated. (v54)
 - **Psalms 31:24** *Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.*
- 4. Final Victory Gives Leaders A Voice:** Leaders use their voice to strengthen others and declare what God has already done. (v.55)
 - **Psalms 98:1** *O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.*

Note: Leaders must learn to speak from a place of triumph. Our declarations shape our direction.

Special Note: Leaders who speak victory create an atmosphere of faith. Victory is not something we hope to earn. It is something we boldly proclaim. Leadership language matters, our words either lift or limit.

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