

IT Is Finished and I Win

IT: A traumatic event, incident, or experience that causes physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychological harm, often creating a time stamp on the psyche that inhibits proper growth and movement.

Ruth 1:1-5 (NLT)

1 In the days when the judges ruled in Israel, a severe famine came upon the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah left his home and went to live in the country of Moab, taking his wife and two sons with him.

2 The man's name was Elimelech, and his wife was Naomi. Their two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. And when they reached Moab, they settled there.

3 Then Elimelech died, and Naomi was left with her two sons.

4 The two sons married Moabite women. One married a woman named Orpah, and the other a woman named Ruth. But about ten years later,

5 both Mahlon and Kilion died. This left Naomi alone, without her two sons or her husband.

Ruth 1:15-16 (NLT)

15 "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same."

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."

Ruth 4:17 (NLT)

17 The neighbor women said, "Now at last Naomi has a son again!" And they named him Obed. He became the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.

In the passage of scripture we read, we find someone who kept going even though **IT** seemed to keep happening to her. Naomi never gave up. And eventually, we found out that **IT** could not stop the plan of God for her. With this in mind, let's examine: **IT Is Finished and I Win.**

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NASB)

**8 The end of a matter is better than its beginning;
Patience of spirit is better than arrogance of spirit.**

When you and I realize that just like anything else, **IT** doesn't have to continue to be. When we stop going back to **IT**, like a dog returning to its own vomit, we can be done with **IT**. However, as long as **IT** can keep calling us back, we will struggle to be free.

- 1. IT will end if you allow it to be over.**

Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

When **IT happens**, we have 2 choices. We can be bitter or we can be better. The choices we make will in many ways have an influence on our success or failure. Once we realize we have the ability to make the choice **IT** loses the power to control us.

- 2. IT won't leave you bitter if you forgive.**

John 14:16 (NLT)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

Light and darkness cannot dwell in the same place. Darkness is always evicted, when light shows up. Allow the comforter (Holy Spirit) to take the place that IT was occupying, and IT will leave your life for good. As long as IT has a place, IT will keep returning.

3. IT will exit your life if you let Him take up residence.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

One of the great things about the Bible is that there are chapters in every book. One page does not define the chapter. And one chapter does not define the book. We must realize, IT was a chapter. However, if we read the rest of the story, we will understand the purpose of the book. **THE PURPOSE WAS TO TELL US HOW WE WIN!!**

4. IT will be a chapter and not the conclusion if you embrace God’s plan.

Revelation 12:11 (AMP)

11 And they overcame *and* conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life *and* renounce their faith even when faced with death.

There was an old song by Mahalia Jackson that said, “My soul looks back and wonders, how I made it over.” There is a wonderful revelation there. When we win, examine how, and tell someone. The Bible says, “It was good that I was afflicted.” It goes on to say, “Our present trials are small and won’t last very long.” All of these scriptures help us to realize how important it is to testify of God’s goodness. Our job is to tell people how we got over IT!

5. IT will be a monument to God’s power if you tell others how you won.

In the passage of scripture we read, we find someone who kept going even though **IT** seemed to keep happening to her. We found out that **IT** could not stop the plan of God for her. **IT** also cannot stop the plan of God for us. Remember: **IT Is Finished and I Win.**