

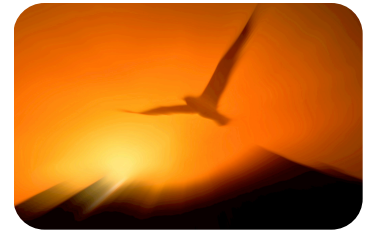
#1 A Success Story

~The Source of Life~

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- Think of a balloon without air or a kite without wind.
- But the church is failing
- Pastors are immoral

A spirit of defeat is in the air.
How can we be what God called us?



What can be done?

- Return to the Scriptures

“What then shall we say to these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?” (Romans 8:31).

- Is it not in the dark times, we see God’s marvelous intervention? Abram, David, etc.
- God’s stories and miracles bring back hope.

“And having done everything, to stand firm” (Eph 6:13)

It is only the powerful Word of God through His Spirit that swirls into our beings producing new life and giving spiritual shape, power and purpose (1 Peter 1:24-25).

Our Greatest Danger

- God is drawing us downstream to Himself
- Nothing is so powerful as Himself
- Don’t draw boat to the side and get out!
- Nothing can challenge us!

- Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!
- *The Life Core* identifies the underlying cause to this crisis in the Christian church and proposes practical solutions by focusing on the integration of God's life into the heart of the church through proper leadership training.

Our Lessons

- The war is won. God won. We need to constantly remember God's power and put our trust in Him.
- The Lord desires to empower us—like Joseph, Daniel, Jesus—so that we can, like them, keep close to God so that He can accomplish His will through our lives.

Application

- ➡ Are you spiritually wounded? In what areas do you sense defeat?
- ➡ List the ones that come first to your mind.
- ➡ If you stepped out of your boat, confess and get back in now!
- ➡ Pray you are going to stay with Him no matter how rough it gets.