

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## TURNING DEFEAT INTO VICTORY

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### PART 1: STARTING FROM SCRATCH

#### **RESIST THE ENEMY**

The German army quickly rolled over the allied armies of France, Belgium and England in May of 1940. The defeated British army and a remnant of the French army found themselves holed up in the coastal city of Dunkirk, and through the intervention of God, a flotilla of British navy ships, small fishing boats and pleasure crafts carried 199,000 British soldiers and 140,000 French soldiers to safety in England.

France was overtaken by Germany and the British army lost all its equipment in the hasty retreat. Prime Minister Winston Churchill faced a difficult situation in even hoping to win the war with Germany, but foremost, how could he fend off a German attack on Great Britain? History tells us that it was through hard work and the dedication of men and women that they were able to stop the Germans from invading, and with the help of the United States, they were able to go on the attack, invade France and eventually smash the German war machine.

#### **A SPIRITUAL WAR**

Satan and his host of fallen angels, together with the people who are part of the kingdom of Satan, have achieved a major victory against the Kingdom of God as denominations and independent churches have been infiltrated, the banner of Jesus has been captured, and the majority of the Christian soldiers are bewildered, demoralized, sick or just plain worn out.

Our ministry has been hit hard. We lost the church facility in the Sacramento area and most of the members were demoralized and scattered. We experienced our own "Dunkirk" when we were able to extract our equipment and retreat to our production center.

Some 1,900 years ago, the apostle Paul had been defeated on all fronts. **2 Timothy 4:6-18; Acts 16:6-10**

#### **WHAT NOW?**

What do we do now? We need to recognize that the Christian church in generality has been defeated but God is still on the throne and has not lost any of His power. His heavenly forces are intact and fully capable of pushing back the forces of Satan any time God gives the order. **Psalms 2:1-12**

The British rebuilt their armed forces while they fended off the Germans. In order to rebuild our ministry, we need to know how God thinks and what He intends to do. **Isaiah 55:1-7**



## **SEEK THE LORD**

God and mankind do not think alike. We need to abandon our human views and opinions and start thinking like God. **verses 8-9; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16**

We need to stand on the promises of God. So when God says that His word will prosper and we repeat what's written in the Bible, these words will go forth and prosper in the things God intended. **Isaiah 55:10-11**

God has promised us joy and victory regardless of circumstances. **verses 12-13**

## **GOD'S MARCHING ORDERS**

The marching orders have not changed since the day Jesus issued them. **Matthew 28:18-20**

The power of God is still with us. **Mark 16:14-20**

## **RETOOLING**

When the United States entered World War II in 1941, the first action was to put the entire nation on a war footing. The automobile industry was told to cease making passenger cars and plan for the production of tanks, jeeps, trucks, armored vehicles and aircraft.

As a ministry we are now in the process of retooling in order to start pushing the enemy back. Our first response is to line up with God in praise and worship on a daily basis. **John 4:21-24**

We need to have a close personal walk with Jesus regardless of circumstances or how we feel. **John 15:1-8**

We are commanded to love, not hate those around us. **verses 9-14**

We need to set our minds to being overcomers. **Revelation 3:14-22**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***