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Notes

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Queen sang it – most know it – and it includes the sad line:

‘No time for losers’

That’s a lot of people excluded, marginalised, typecast, confined to a bleak and hopeless future!

That’s what Queen sang ...

but

The King – Jesus Christ – He sings a very different song because He has a whole lot of time for losers in life.

He loves them – chooses them – pursues them, and then changes them to become ‘champions’. Not all champions of God look the same – some can appear to be hugely successful, others have struggles and challenges but it’s all to do with ‘faith’.

Here are 7 ways to identify a true champion of God.

- 1) God’s Champions are those who:
Know, they will never become one without a fight; overcomers are those who ‘overcome’. Therefore, they don’t shrink back from the challenge!
- 2) God’s Champions are those who:
May not win every battle, but when it’s all over ‘they are still standing’. Quitting is not an option, no matter how attractive it looks.
- 3) God’s Champions are those who:
May not be perfect, but know they do have to be faithful, staying true to God, His Word and their true self is paramount.
- 4) God’s Champions are those who:
Know, that ‘Championship’ is as much a journey as a destination. Therefore, they don’t waste their trials but use them as ‘stepping stones to greater glory’.
- 5) God’s Champions are those who:
Know, that what God looks for and responds to is – honest, simple, rugged, determined ‘faith’ of which – there is no substitute!

Personal Response

6) God's Champions are those who:

Know, that 'overcoming faith' is developed often in the ordinary, mundane, everyday things of life – this is called 'living by faith' and they seize every opportunity that comes their way to live like that.

7) God's Champions are those who:

Know, that the prize is not a possession but a Person – that's why their focus is 'Jesus'! He is what every champion aspires to be like, therefore, they pursue him with all their, heart, soul, mind and life.

I will MEDITATE on:

I will ACT on: