



# INSIGHTS

“

Today I have made you immune to their attacks. None...will be able to stand against you. They will try, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will take care of you. I, the LORD, have spoken!”<sup>1</sup>



## THE UNTOUCHABLES

Think of what it would be like to waltz through life immune to every kind of harm. Imagine

how free and secure you would feel if you could live surrounded by a supernatural wall of protection that kept you absolutely safe from the garbage that comes at you every single day.

You wouldn't get irritated at people because they couldn't hurt you. You wouldn't have to defend yourself or lash out when somebody did you wrong because it would be unnecessary. Confident that all the enemy's plans against you are doomed to fail, you could stop fretting about them and concentrate on doing what God has called you to do. You could spend every day focused on fulfilling your purpose, secure in the knowledge that you are—in a much more vital way than Elliot Ness ever was—*untouchable*.

Sound too good to be true? Well it's not. It's the kind of life God promises to every believer. Again and again, He made promises like these:

an excerpt from Vikki Burke's book *Destiny Held Hostage*

- No weapon turned against you will succeed.<sup>2</sup>
- If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you.<sup>3</sup>
- He who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.<sup>4</sup>
- And nothing shall by any means hurt you.<sup>5</sup>

These scriptures are not only promise protection from car accidents, terrorist attacks, or other physical dangers. They promise us protection from every kind of harm including insults, irritations, rejections, betrayals, violations, offenses, and emotional attacks of all sorts.

According to the Bible, none of those things have the power to hurt us. They have no ability to injure us or thwart any part of God's plan for our lives.

an excerpt from Vikki

He humbled Himself and lived like a

human being so that He could show us how to live victoriously on the earth.

His life was no bed of roses, either. He faced more trouble than we ever will. The Bible says He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.<sup>10</sup> That means He experienced it! The leaders of His day came against Him. His family persecuted Him. He endured so much pressure in the Garden of Gethsemane that blood came out of His pores.

We have every advantage Jesus had and a less strenuous assignment to fulfill. We have His Blood to make us righteous. We have the Word of God to instruct us. We have the Holy Spirit living in us and the gifts of the Spirit to help us. No wonder the Scripture says we're more than conquerors through Him!

"Yes," you say, "but Jesus was God's Son!"

Who do you think you are? Aren't you a son of God too? Doesn't the Bible say that you have the mind of Christ?<sup>11</sup> You just need to develop that mind by spending time in the Scriptures and in fellowship with God.

That's what Jesus did. Wisdom didn't come instantly to Him any more than it does to you and me. He had to grow in it.<sup>12</sup> He had to study the Word of God. He had to practice walking by faith in that Word and following the leading of the Spirit moment by moment the same way we do.

Jesus wasn't born with a divine Daytimer all filled out with goals, plans, and instructions knowing everything that was about to happen. The night of the storm, for

Unless we let them, that is. Which most of us must admit we often do.

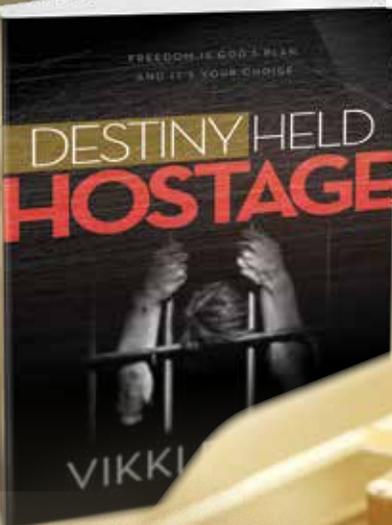
"Well, I can't help it," you might say. "Some people just get to me!" They can't unless you react in a way that blasts a hole in your wall of divine protection. But as long as you keep your eyes on the promises of God and walk in obedience to His Word, you can live like you're coated with spiritual Teflon. Nothing anybody else does can stick to you. You can walk through life as a living demonstration of the Psalm 119:165: "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."<sup>6</sup>

In other words, you can live like Jesus did when He was on earth. Jesus was the ultimate Untouchable when it came to dealing with the ugly stuff people said and did. His hometown of Nazareth got so mad at what He preached that they decided to put a permanent end to His ministry. They mobbed him and took him to the edge of the cliff intending on pushing him over, but he slipped away.<sup>7</sup>

An entire mob of people tried to murder Jesus that day, but they couldn't lay a hand on Him. They couldn't touch His body and they couldn't harm His soul because He stayed continually in the Secret Place of the Most High. Mistreatment bounced off Him. Nobody could ever stand against Him. And Jesus said we can live the same way! He said, "Anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."<sup>8</sup> He's telling us we can live His lifestyle.

We sometimes find that hard to believe because we assume Jesus had special advantages because of His deity, but that's not true. Jesus came to earth as a man. He laid down His divine privileges and took on the limits of humanity.<sup>9</sup>

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instance, when He got into the boat with the disciples and said, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake."<sup>13</sup> He probably figured, like we usually do, that it was going to be an uneventful night.

God hadn't laid out the entire agenda for Him saying, "Okay, first get in the boat. You'll sail for a while and then hit some wild weather. When that happens, say this to the winds and waves: 'Peace, be still,' and they will calm down. When you get to the other side of the sea you'll meet a demon possessed man. And there will be some pigs there..."

No. God doesn't give us that much information all at once and He didn't give it to Jesus either. He had to walk out His life the same way we do, one step at a time. Most likely, Jesus only had one simple leading when He got into the boat on the Sea of Galilee that night: *Go to the other side.* He knew that meant God had a divine assignment for Him so when the storm came up, He didn't panic. He just dealt with the problem by faith. He had sense enough to know that God wasn't going to send Him on a mission and then drown Him in the middle of the lake.

More Christians should have that much sense!

If we did, we'd stop letting the so-called crises of life upset us. We'd realize this is like the storm that tried to stop Jesus. And we'd just do what He did. We'd speak to it and make it calm down.

To face life's storms with that kind of boldness, however, we need to realize we actually are on a mission from God. That's something Jesus knew and never forgot for a single moment. It was one of the primary secrets to His success. He understood that "For this

purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."<sup>14</sup> And nothing could divert Him from that purpose. It was His destiny and His destination in life. No matter how many roadblocks the devil threw in His way, no matter how many physical or emotional storms He encountered, He refused to take a detour.

You see, people of purpose are not easily detoured. When we know where we're headed we can stay on the right road.

It's just logical. If you're driving from Dallas to Los Angeles you're not going to follow signs that direct you to New York. Those signs will take you the wrong way. How do you know? Because you're clear about where you're going.

The same thing is true in life. But here's the problem: Most people haven't taken the time to identify their destination.

Jesus didn't make that mistake. He found out exactly what He was called to do. He spent time in prayer and the Word getting God's agenda for His life. He sought God's guidance every single day about what He should do and say. Sometimes He prayed all night to find out those things.

Once He knew, He didn't do anything else. He didn't let other people drag Him into their activities, arguments, or upsets. He never let anyone agitate Him, offend Him, or distract Him from His mission.

They tried, though. Oh, how they tried! The Pharisees and Sadducees badgered Him without mercy. They criticized Him and plotted against Him. They baited Him with theological questions: What do you think about divorce? What do you think about paying

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But Jesus never got sucked into their schemes. He never fell into their traps. Because He only cared about fulfilling His purpose and pleasing God, His critics couldn't take Him captive with their opinions and accusations. He told them, "Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me."<sup>15</sup> Then He went on carrying out His Father's business, completely free.

When we become people of purpose, we can adopt the same attitude and walk in the same freedom and victory Jesus did. We can say yes to the will of God and no to everything else. If we refuse to allow people to agitate, offend or distract us, we can stay on course and fulfill our destiny, regardless of what anybody else does or thinks.

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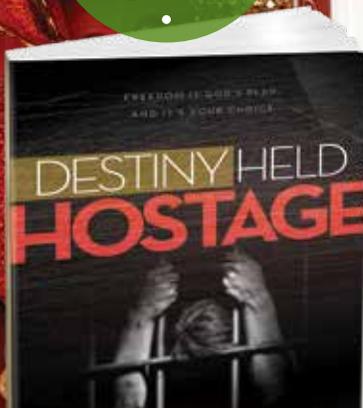
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