

Proverbs 21:31 (NLT2)

The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.

What if we treated the things God is doing the same way we treated watching our favorite football team play a game?

Think about it, when we watch a football game, we are yelling out, Go...Go... Go... to our team, rejoicing when they get a touchdown, or an interception, or when they tackle the other teams quarterback. We even feel for them when they are messing up and continue to hang in there when they are losing, knowing that the game is not over and there is hope... or sometimes there is no hope, yet we hang in there anyway.

Now God does not lose, and He is never messing up. Yet, at times, we treat God that way. I think we do because we forget that the battle does not belong to us, it belongs to the Lord. ***“but the victory belongs to the LORD!”*** And if we really believed that, how differently would we react to things going on in our lives? What if we realized that we are on a team that will never lose? Sure, there may be times it seems we are losing as we see the world in all it’s corruption, taking a spiral decent down to the pit of hell with the way it has become. But our Head Coach (so to speak) Jesus, knows exactly what He is doing, and He knows what’s going to happen next.

Think about that for a minute, if you could see the future, you would be the most awesome football coach in history, because no matter what play the other team is going to do, you would know ahead of time, and would know what play to call to beat the other team. But also think about this, even if you did, and you gave the play call to the rest of the team, if they don’t follow what you tell them to do, and they lose the game because they didn’t follow the instruction you gave them, then who’s fault is that?

God tells us already in His word how to have victory over sin in our life, telling us in a way like the game plan. But if we try it our own way, then we fail... Notice I didn’t say that Jesus failed, because His ways are right and perfect, and if we fail, it’s not His fault. But ours for not doing what He tells us to do in His word.

So, we need to stop trying to fight the battle God has already won for us, but simply follow the instructions He has given us in the midst of those battles, on how to overcome and be victorious.

† **John 16:33** *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”*

† **Psalm 5:8 (NLT2)** *Lead me in the right path, O LORD, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.*

† **Psalm 128:1 (NLT2)** *How joyful are those who fear the LORD— all who follow his ways!*