

Good News From Chardon



Winners and Losers

By David A. Sargent

Jimmy Valvano is remembered for running up and down the court after winning the 1983 NCAA basketball championship, after his NC State Wolfpack upset the Houston Cougars (including Clyde “the Glide” Drexler and Hakeem “the Dream” Olajuwon). Valvano is also remembered well for some of his speeches.

Valvano was diagnosed with bone cancer in June 1992. In July, he found out that it had metastasized. He died less than a year later on April 28, 1993.

One of Valvano's most memorable motivational speeches was delivered February 21, 1993 at Reynolds Coliseum on NCSU's basketball court during the ten year commemoration of the University's 1983 NCAA championship. It was during this speech that Valvano stressed the importance of hope, love, and persistence and included his famous quotation: "Don't give up, don't ever give up."

Gary Smith once shared another message from Jimmy V: Suffering from terminal spinal cancer at the age of 47, former North Carolina State basketball coach Jim Valvano spoke with a reporter. He looked back on his life and told a story about himself as a 23-year-old coach of a small college team. "Why is winning so important to you?" the players asked Valvano.

"Because the final score defines you," he said, "You lose, ergo, you're a loser. You win, ergo, you're a winner."

"No," the players insisted. "Participation is what matters. Trying your best, regardless of whether you win or lose--that's what defines you."

It took 24 more years of living. It took the coach bolting up from the mattress three or four times a night with his T-shirt soaked with sweat and his teeth rattling from the fever chill of chemotherapy and the terror of seeing himself die repeatedly in his dreams. It took all that for him to say it: "Those kids were right. It's effort, not result. It's trying... What a great human being I could have been if I'd had this awareness back then." *

If our identity is defined by winning and losing, then we are all losers, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). That is true of every human being, no matter how hard we try not to sin.

But God loves us anyway and He desires to save us from our sins (1 Timothy 2:4). He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we can receive the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus won the victory over sin and death. And, if we will submit our lives to Him, we can share in His victory.

God will save, give eternal life, and share the victory with those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Through Christ we can be victors, not losers – because He won the victory for us! "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57).

YOU can share in Christ's victory by trusting and obeying Him. Won't YOU?

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Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Dale

Opening Hymn:

103—A Beautiful Life

Opening Prayer: Larry

Hymn:

577—Heavenly Sunlight

Scripture Reading: Ryan

I Corinthians 15:50-57

Hymn:

297—When My Love to Christ

Grows Weak

Lord's Supper: Dale

Hymn:

578—This is My Father's

World

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

607—All Things Are Ready

Closing Hymn:

2—We're Marching to Zion

Closing Prayer: Mark

PRAYER LIST

- *Bonnie and her family with loss of Ron.
- *Margaret and Albert.
- *Wanda and her family. She is not feeling well this week.
- *Kathy and her friends. She felt well enough to be with us last Sunday.
- *Zarna family and friends
- *Larry and Ruth. Ruth has not been feeling well lately.
- *Pat and Ron and their daughters.
- *Juanita's sister Betty and the rest of her family.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Ray and Barbara
- *Dale and his family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven. Ray had a heart catheterization last week.
- *Myron & Carole and their family.
- *Mark and his family.



CALENDAR

- Jan. 31—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Jan. 31—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Jan. 31—(b.) Logan
- Feb. 7—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Mark
- Feb. 7—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
- Feb. 8—(b.) Mason
- Feb. 14—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom

Our Final Victory

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

BEHOLD	BLOOD	BRETHREN	BROUGHT
CANNOT	CHANGED	CHRIST	CORRUPTIBLE
DEATH	FLESH	GIVES	HADES
IMMORTALITY	INHERIT	JESUS	KINGDOM
MOMENT	MORTAL	MYSTERY	RAISED
SAYING	SHALL	SLEEP	SOUND
STRENGTH	SWALLOWED	THANKS	THROUGH
TRUMPET	TWINKLING	VICTORY	WRITTEN

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Hidden Message: _____, _____, _____, _____
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Men give away nothing so freely as their advice.



SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
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Answer to Puzzle: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.