

28:7). We become more than conquerors and take back dominion over the lost and abandoned territory of the Kingdom; we bring the Kingdom of God back into the land. This is where our hearts long to reside, but too often and too quickly, we grow weary, begin to reason our way out of active participation, falling headlong back into an observer role. We allow our excuses to stop our forward progression as a participant and let ourselves be soothed into a state of apathy and existing as the opportunities for victorious living slip right through our fingers. So often we come to be content with focusing on salvation alone and forget the command to take dominion.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." Genesis 1:26*

*And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

We must live intentionally with a battle mindset, never willing to give up our conquering life to that of a hostage subject to the control of passiveness and timidity.

Based on what the Lord has placed upon your heart: What do you need to do to make this the best year of your life?

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Which areas in your life have you been an observer rather than a participant?

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What actions will you take to get back into the role of a participant in your own life?

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