



The Teaching Ministry of Pastor P.A. Harvin

Men's Bible Study Series: 7 Things Winners Do

#5 – Surround Themselves with Winners

We are impacted by our surroundings

- ❖ Can lead to faith – 2 Tim. 1:5
- ❖ Can lead to stagnation and compromise – Rev. 3:14-22
- ❖ Can lead to an acceptance of losing – Acts 9:36-43; Mark 5:38-43; Neh. 2:20
- ❖ Can lead to a succumbing or a prevailing mindset – Num. 13: 25-33

God calls us forward as men to lead others to realize the potential to win

- ❖ Moses called to lead Israel out of bondage
- ❖ Joshua called to lead Israel into land of promise
- ❖ Nehemiah called to restore the wall of defense

Winning is the result of having obstacles and challenges to overcome

1 John 5:4; Romans 8:31-39

Losers are those that have not won for various reasons

- ❖ They are not ready to win
- ❖ They have never experienced winning
- ❖ They are not equipped to win
- ❖ They don't have the right team around them
 - Those that have achieved success
 - Those that push you forward
 - Those that operate in excellence
 - Those that are willing to fight with you

Building your team is not only includes additions but also subtractions...

- ❖ Those who helped you get there may not be those who will help you get past where you are

GIDEON (Judges 6)

Discussion of 3 areas of attention needed as we surround ourselves with winners

- (1) The need for personal development and dedication
 - a. Gideon had to be challenged to think higher, make a personal altar for God in his life, tear down the idols surrounding him and to trust God beyond the numbers
- (2) Surrounding yourself with those that are not fearful and afraid
 - a. Willing to walk in faith
 - b. Willing to step out and try

- (3) Removing yourself from those who compromise your focus, are not willing to be inconvenienced or are self-centered

Our Special Guests tonight:

Bishop Eric J. Freeman

Bishop Eric J. Freeman is a Christian cleric and episcopal leader in the Christian Covenant Fellowship of Ministries. He is the pastor and founder of the Meeting Place of Columbia, South Carolina – a local parish with a global prayer network of more than 100,000 followers. Under the leadership of Bishop Freeman, this powerful congregation oversees a 23-acre, 215,000 square foot ministry complex, to include a full-service banquet and conference center, a renal care facility, professional counseling services, an eight-screen first-run family movie cineplex (SpotlightCinemas.com/Capital8), community center and sanctuary.

A graduate of the University of Florida, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Cornell University's Executive Leadership Program, Freeman is a consummate teacher, preacher and communicator of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whose ministry gift has reached every state in the United States of America and more than 27 countries on five continents.

He and his wife Coleen are the proud parents of two young adult children - Tyné Angela and Jordane Ericson.

Pastor Kevin Butler

As a servant leader who demonstrates vision, sound judgment and practical wisdom, Pastor Butler is known for his uncompromising integrity and is passionate about people. Having served in several pastoral ministry leadership positions Kevin answered the call to Pastor and founded WORD Fellowship Church in 2018.

A graduate of the University of South Carolina, Pastor Butler has an extensive background in banking and financial services with more than 20 years of experience. He most recently served as a Senior Vice President of a national banking institution.

Pastor Butler loves the Lord and enjoys preaching and teaching the Word of God with passion and practical application.

Kevin is married to Monica Butler, his wife of more than twenty years. In their spare time they enjoy traveling, socializing with friends, and quiet time alone. They have three wonderful children: Lauryn, Leslie and Kevin Jr.