

2025 — Our Championship Year
Saturday, January 18, 2025

*****SHOW “2025 — OUR CHAMPIONSHIP YEAR” GRAPHIC*****

A. 1 John 5:4 Prayer time: Last Week of December

1. Praying over 2025, the Lord reminded me of our mission statement.
2. **“Take a group of people and disciple them intensely in the Word of God. Teach them an UNCOMMON FAITH to help them stand victoriously in life. Work them in the Word. Drill them. That is the only way to overcome the world.”**
3. The Lord led me to begin a series in church on Sunday, December 29.
4. “My Faith is Alive in 2025.”
5. Verse 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

B. Our 2025 Faith Confession

1. **My faith is alive in 2025.**
2. **My faith is activated.**
3. **My faith is working.**
4. **My faith is producing results.**
5. **My capacity for greater faith is enlarging.**
6. **My faith is getting stronger every day.**
7. **My faith is growing exceedingly.**

C. Word from the Lord, Sunday, January 5, 2025

1. I was preaching my message on faith.
2. All of a sudden, I could sense a strong anointing.
3. The Lord spoke a Word to me about the new year.
4. **“2025 is Our Championship Year”**
5. **“We are undefeatable, unstoppable, unbreakable and invincible.**

D. 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 We are Called to be Champions

1. **A champion is someone who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition.**
2. **A championship series determines ultimate winner.**
3. Verse 14 (AMPC) But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ’s victory].
4. Romans 8:37 Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

5. 1 Corinthians 15:57 (AMPC) But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- E. How do athletes prepare for a championship? (Compare to believers)

Some people might think that athletes are good enough to enter a competition at any time. This is far from the truth. They must prepare themselves before participating in sporting events. This can take anywhere from a few weeks to several months. This will give them enough time for physical and mental preparation and allow them to be at their best when game day arrives.

1. They assess their physical (spiritual) condition.

- a. 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.
- b. (MSG) Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted.

Give yourselves regular checkups.

- c. Proverbs 18:14 (AMPC) The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?

2. They strip off everything that holds them down.

- a. **Get your faith in shape!**
- b. Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.
- We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

3. They

discipline themselves.

- a. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (AMPC) Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours. Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately and restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that will soon wither, but we [do it to receive a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither.
- Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air and without an adversary. But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should

become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and
rejected as a counterfeit].

b. (MSG) You've all been to the stadium and seen the
athletes race. Everyone runs; one wins. Run to win.
All good athletes train hard. They do it for a
gold medal that tarnishes and fades.
You're after one that's gold eternally. I
don't know about you, but I'm
running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything
I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and
in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping,
telling everyone else all about it and then missing out

myself.

c. (NLT) Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but
only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All
athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it
to win a prize that will fade away, but
we do it for an eternal prize. So I run
with purpose in every step. I am not
just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like
an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise,
I fear that after preaching to others I myself might
be

disqualified.

d. (NIV) Strict training.

4. They stay focused.

a. **"Focus has a way of overcoming anxiety."**

— General Tommy Franks (before the 2003 attack
on Baghdad)

b. Philippians 3:12-14 (NLT) Pressing toward the Goal

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved
these things or that I have already reached
perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection
for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I have
not achieved it, but I focus on this one

thing: Forgetting the past and

looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to

reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly

prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling

us.

c. Verse 14 (AMPC) I press on toward the goal to win the

[supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ

Jesus is calling us upward.

5. They develop an intense exercise plan.

a. **Feed on God's Word**

b. **Meditate the Word**

- c. **Act on the Word**
- d. **Pray in the Spirit**
- e. **Continually Give God Praise and Thanksgiving**