

Tiny Frogs

There once was a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began.

Honestly, no one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. You heard statements such as: "Oh, WAY too difficult!" "They will NEVER make it to the top!" Or: "Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!"

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one, except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher. The crowd continued to yell, "It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!!" More tiny frogs got tired and gave up. Only ONE continued higher and higher and higher. He wouldn't give up!

At the end he was the only one who reached the top! All of the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it? A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal? It turned out that the winner was DEAF!

The story has an obvious point. God's word tells us very plainly:

Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

Our successes or failures are dependent on the one we hear! Who do you hear? When it comes to temptation, do you hear God, "I can help you through this?" Or do you hear Satan, "You can't overcome it, why even try?" When it comes to listening, most of us are deaf by choice and we hear by choice!

That's why Jesus said so often, "He who has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" Listen to the results!

Revelation 2:7 *"...To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."*

v. 11 *"... He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."*

v. 17 *"...To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."*

Love to all,

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