


## Gospel Victory

Which would you say is your strongest suit—knowledge or action? Explain.

Once you have determined to make something a priority, how do you ensure that it continues to be a priority?



Because of Jesus' promise that He puts on  
this confession, we will never be satisfied  
when there's such lostness in our community  
and in our world.

The gospel is our banner and our rallying point. The gospel affects every area of the Christian life, from our personal spiritual journey, to our mission, to the way we live, and to the type of community we create. It's not enough to say the gospel is above all. We have to work to keep it above all. We have to be committed in order to see gospel victory.

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as it exists right now.

Jesus died to be Lord of the entire earth.

READ MATTHEW 16:15-18.

What is the power in bold gospel confession? How have you experienced this power?


We need to take risks for the sake of the kingdom.

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well-fortified strongholds.”

How do you respond to the idea that the church is meant to be unstoppable? Is it hard for you to consider yourself in this way? Explain.

Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Messiah is the cornerstone of the church. For two millennia, the church has advanced by clinging to this confession as its organizing principle. Jesus promised that if we’re faithful in our confession, we’ll be able to advance deeper and deeper into enemy territory. We’ll be unstoppable if we “hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful” (Heb. 10:23).



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READ JOHN 14:12-14.

Why should Jesus' willingness to give us what we ask in prayer lead us to take great risks for the kingdom? What keeps you from taking risks?

Any kingdom advancement comes with risk. That's why we pray. Jesus desires to glorify the Father. When we pray in accordance with that desire, Jesus will be faithful to answer our request. Therefore, we're ultimately secure, no matter what risk we take. Champions of the gospel have to be comfortable with risk.

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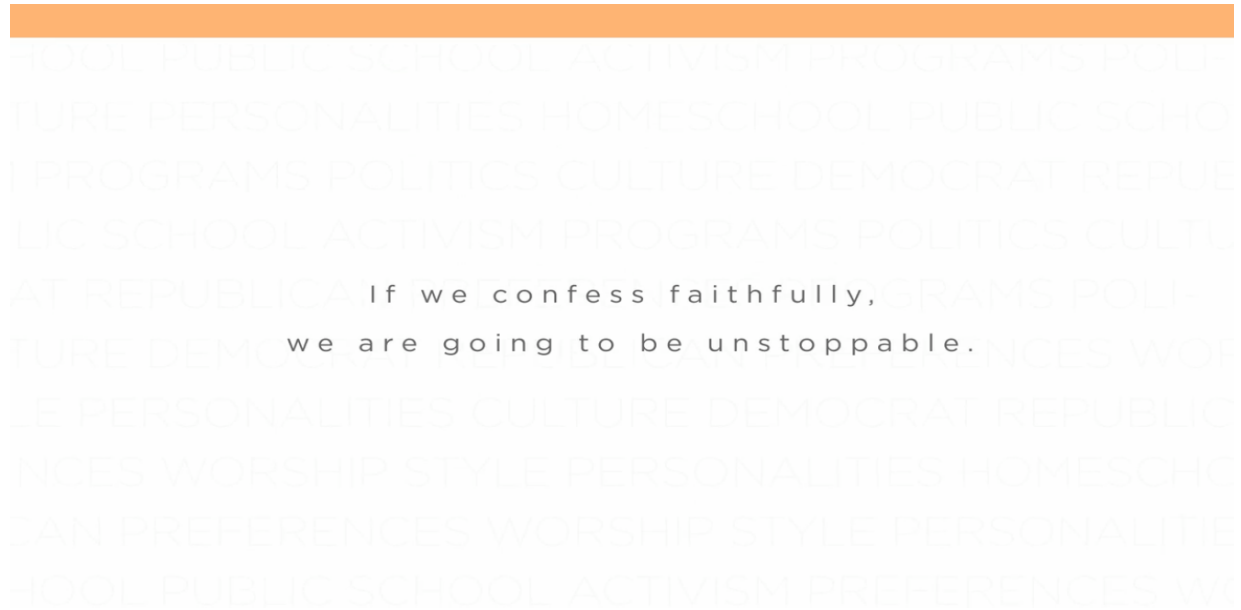


To progress is always to begin again.

**Martin Luther**

Do you tend to think of the whole world as Jesus' territory? What do the risks you don't take or the prayers you don't pray say about what you truly believe about this?

Jesus has placed a promise on the confession of the gospel. We should never be satisfied when so many people are lost in our world. The whole world is Jesus' territory. The church has received the power of heaven to bring the kingdom of heaven to bear on earth. This happens as we continue to elevate the gospel above all.



If we confess faithfully,  
we are going to be unstoppable.

The purpose of this study has been to lead you to recommit to the gospel. What has most convicted and challenged you in these eight weeks of study?

Based on the conviction you expressed, how will you continue to respond in the weeks to come?

#### CONFESS THE GOSPEL TOGETHER AS A GROUP:

*We confess that Jesus is the Lord of the whole earth, the King of kings and Lord of lords.*

*Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the living God, the one way of salvation for all people, the one name under heaven given to people whereby we must be saved. Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

*There's no difference between the Jew and the Greek, the black and the white, the rich and the poor, the Democrat and the Republican. Since the beginning of time, there's only been one race of human—sinner—and one Savior—Jesus.*

*The same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on whoever calls on Him. He's not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

*We confess these truths because the Bible that Jesus authorized teaches them and because all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God. Whether or not that confession is unpopular, it comes with the power of God, and that's the last thing we want to lose.*