

In the Fighting

by Mary Wilder Tileston

Through faith, we can conquer sin and live a victorious life in Christ.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:13, Galatians 2:20, Titus 2:14, James 4:7, 1 John 2:15

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Description

Mary Wilder Tileston, inspired by the words of Charles Wesley and Edward B. Pusey, emphasizes the transformative power of Christ's love in conquering sin and renewing our souls. She highlights the importance of living with victorious faith, allowing Christ to dwell in our hearts by removing all that He hates. Tileston encourages believers to strive for complete victory over sin, avoiding willful disobedience that can hinder our faith, hope, and love. She reminds the congregation that with God's grace, they have the ability to overcome every temptation and be victorious in their spiritual battles.

Transcript

Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession, zealous of good works.

TITUS 2:14 (R. v.)

LOVE only can the conquest win,

The strength of sin subdued;

Come, O my Saviour, cast out sin,

And form my soul anew.

CHARLES WESLEY

LIVING and victorious faith is that whereby Christ dwelleth in our hearts. But Christ will not dwell in our hearts, if we fill our hearts with things which He hates. Yet is there then no victory, nor real faith, when the world holds a struggle with us, sometimes overcoming us, sometimes overcome? In some things victory should be complete at once. Sins of infirmity there may be; sins against light there should not be. To do wilfully and knowingly what God hates, destroys faith, and hope, and love. But so that thou art fighting against thy besetting sin, if thou art conquering thyself, thou art still Christ's soldier, even though in

thought, word, or deed, thou be, from time to time, in lesser things surprised. This, then, is matter of faith, that if we will, we can, by the grace of God, prevail over every temptation.

EDWARD B. PUSEY

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