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**Experience sharing God’s victory**

**Monday**

Read Matthew 28:18-19, Revelations 3:21, 2 Timothy 2:12, 1 Corinthians 15:57, 1 John 5:3-5, 1 John 2:14, Ephesians 1:20-2:6

When Jesus is victorious over something, you are victorious with Him over that same thing. **Meditate** on these scriptures.

**Tuesday**

Read Romans 8:2, Galatians 3:13, 1 Peter 2:24, Hebrews 2:14

Jesus has gained victory over a lot of things. Start sharing in that victory with Him. **Pray** these scriptures over your life.

**Wednesday**

Read Philippians 3:7, 3:3, Acts 27

Placing your confidence in what you can do is called confidence in the flesh. It will rob you of your victory. **Journalize** your thoughts on these scriptures.

**Thursday**

Read Philippians 3:9, Psalms 37

If you want to be close to God, you need His free righteousness (which includes an added bonus of blamelessness). **Ask** God to give you His righteousness.

**Friday**

Read Philippians 3:10-11, Ephesians 1:15-22

To know God is to experience His power in your life. **Worship** God for His great power!

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Matthew 28:18-19 New International Version (NIV)

**18**Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19**Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

How is this supposed to help me?!? Jesus has the authority but He asks me to do all the work.

Then I began to see that everything Jesus has victory over, He share’s His victory with me! If He has has all authority, I share in His divine authority.

**Revelation 3:21 New International Version (NIV)**

**21**To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

2 Timothy 2:12 New International Version (NIV)

12 if we endure,

    we will also reign with him.

**1 Corinthians 15:57 New International Version (NIV)**

**57**But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 John 5:3-5 New International Version (NIV)**

**3**In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, **4**for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5**Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (the Messiah, the anointed one)

**1 John 2:14 New International Version (NIV)**

**14**…I write to you, young men (young Christians),

    because you are strong,

    and the word of God lives in you,

    and you have overcome the evil one.

In the Spiritual realm, if someone wins, something loses.

Just as Jesus is victorious over:

Addictions, you are victorious over addictions

Negative thoughts of doubt, lies, you are victorious as well

Sickness…

Poverty…

Laziness and complacency…

A complaining spirit…

Ephesians 1:20-22 New International Version (NIV)

**20**he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21**far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22**And God placed all things under his feet

Ephesians 2:6 New International Version (NIV)

**6**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

If Jesus gained victory, so have we

What are some things Jesus gained victory over?

Romans 8:2 New International Version (NIV)

**2**because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Galatians 3:13 New International Version (NIV)

**13**Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”

1 Peter 2:24 New International Version (NIV)

**24**“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

Hebrews 2:14 New International Version (NIV)

**14**Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—

How can we get to live consistently in this level of shared victory?

Philippians 3:7-11 New International Version (NIV)

**7**But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. **8**What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ **9**and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **10**I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11**and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:7-11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**7**But whatever *former* things were gains to me [as I thought then], these things [once regarded as advancements in merit] I have come to consider as loss [absolutely worthless] for the sake of Christ [and the purpose which He has given my life].

What things do you trust in and value?

Accomplishments

Title

Your good behavior

Credentials

What people think about you

We call this “confidence in the flesh.”

Philippians 3:3 New International Version (NIV)

**3**For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

Let’s get rid of our fleshly confidences so that we can start being victorious.

Loss - a liability,

* (credit card debt, back child support, a student loan, being behind on your rent)
* not something that is neutral.
* the fact that I trust in these things actually keeps me from participating in the victory that I have only through Jesus!
* It is like having a heavy weight around my neck while I am trying to win a race.

**8**But more than that, I count everything as loss compared to the priceless privilege *and* supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord [and of growing more deeply and thoroughly acquainted with Him—a joy unequaled].

Knowing Christ Jesus isn’t a right…it is a privilege…priceless!

Why priceless? There are an infinite number of reasons but one of them is that it gives you the supreme advantage…*it gives you the upper hand in every situation to gain the victory in your life!*

But to get the same victory that Jesus has, you must trade up.

Trade what you think is valuable for the acquaintance, the relationship, the realization that He is the Messiah, the chosen one of God, the very Son of God. You know Him and He knows you!!!

*So…when God gives you something, quickly give it back to Him, so that you can trade up from your confidence in the flesh to daily, God-given victory.*

For His sake I have lost everything, and I consider it all garbage, so that I may gain Christ, (when you gain Christ, you gain His victory as well)

Sometimes you give up things to come close to God; other times God removes things out of your life so you can come closer to Him.

Either way it is a huge relieve when what was blocking you from God’s victory in your life, is no longer there.

**9**and may be found in Him [believing and relying on Him],

If someone was looking for you, where would they find you?

I want to be found inside of Jesus.

How can you get inside of Christ?

* believing on Him - Believe what He says when He talks to you and believe He is who He says He is.
* Relying on Him - trusting in Him and entrusting to Him

Isaiah 26:3 New International Version (NIV)

**3**

You will keep in perfect peace

    those whose minds are steadfast,

    because they trust in you.

2 Timothy 1:12 New International Version (NIV)

**12**… I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

Only when you believe on Jesus and trust in Him will you participate in His victory.

not having any righteousness of my own derived from [my obedience to] the Law *and* its rituals, but [possessing] that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith.

You are you looking for right standing with God or with people?

You can know the answer to the is question based on what you worry about the most…

* Do I have enough money saved up in case something bad happens or for my future?
* Are my kids going to be well-behaved?
* Do I have a degree that will get me advancement?
* Is my housing adequate by my standards?

These question demonstrate a right standing with man.

You can’t have Jesus’s victory until you stop seeking people’s approval….its God’s approval you need, not people’s.

But then there is the question of right standing with God…you have to be careful here as well.

* I thought the wrong thought so God must be displeased with me.
* I slipped back into pornography so God no longer loves me.
* I don’t read my Bible enough so I need to try harder in order to please God.

These all show a misunderstanding of God’s righteousness. Your actions or self-denial does not produce righteousness…righteousness is received free of charge because Jesus already paid the price for it. God’s righteousness comes only from God and can only be received by faith in God.

You can’t have Jesus’ victory in your life until you come to grips with this truth.

Why do we want and need true righteousness so desperately?

Righteousness places us close to God, in fact, directly in the shadow of His wonderful, holy presence. Sin separates us from God, just like righteousness brings us close to God.

People say they can’t feel God’s presence. Righteousness is what you are looking for because it removes the separation you wish wasn’t there.

God’s free righteousness also transplants you into a blameless state.

The devil is referred to as the accuser of the brethren. Do you know how back it feels to constantly have your past thrown in your face…feelings of guilt, shame, regret?

Well, when you receive God’s righteousness, all that is washed away and you are left blameless.

Psalm 37:18-19 New International Version (NIV)

**18**

The blameless spend their days under the Lord’s care,

    and their inheritance will endure forever.

**19**

In times of disaster they will not wither;

    in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

Blamelessness is what you experience when you follow close to Jesus. You are free from accusation. The disciples followed Jesus and they were accused of picking wheat on the Sabbath but Jesus defended them and reinforced their blamelessness.

The victory of blamelessness and righteousness can be yours today when you repent of chasing other things for satisfaction, and seek the Spirit to guide your delight.

**10***And this, so* that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely]

It is an experiential knowledge of God.

It is a relational knowledge of God.

It is an intellectual knowledge of God.

It is an emotional knowledge of God.

It is a cleansing knowledge of God.

Know the goodness and love of God’s nature and character

As you know God more, victory becomes commonplace in your life.

and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers],

God’s power overflows to whom? Believers!

Ephesians 1:18-19 New International Version (NIV)

**18**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know …**19**… his incomparably great power for us who believe.

The power of victory…for believers…believing Jesus is who He says He is and that He does what He says He does.

and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being *continually* conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did]; **11**so that I may attain to the resurrection [that will raise me] from the dead. (the ultimate victory)

When Jesus is victorious over something, you are victorious with Him over that same thing…so get rid of your confidence in your flesh.