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INTRODUCTION

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

JOHN 8:36

The Bible teaches that believers can and should live victorious lives. There is a difference between knowing the truth, believing the truth, and living out the truth. The truth can only be lived out if we understand and apply the freedom, victory, and power that comes from Christ.

Victory Weekend is a time to deepen our relationship with God and focus on establishing the spiritual foundations necessary for a lifelong walk with Him. It includes times of worship, Bible teaching, prayer, and personal ministry to ensure that we understand and walk in the freedom Christ won for us at the cross.

1 PURPOSE

Why *Victory Weekend*?

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

JOHN 8:36

The best way to start *Victory Weekend* is by reviewing its purpose. There are three simple reasons for a *Victory Weekend*:

1. Establish Spiritual _____ (1)

⁴⁸ . . . he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. ⁴⁹But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

LUKE 6:48,49

Because Jesus promised that our lives will experience storms, it is vital that we build strong foundations. If our foundations are weak, our spiritual lives will be destroyed. If our foundations are strong, we will survive the storms.

The first goal of *Victory Weekend* is to ensure that our spiritual foundations are strong and biblical.

2. Experience Spiritual _____ (2)

Freedom is not the right to do whatever we want, but the power to do what is right. Many want to do right, but seem to be in bondage to what is wrong. The Bible promises spiritual freedom.

“. . . and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

JOHN 8:32

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

JOHN 8:36

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound . . .

ISAIAH 61:1

Victory Weekend is a time to claim the biblical promises of freedom. It is also a time to honestly assess our lives in light of God’s Word. Understanding and walking in truth are the keys to freedom. At each Victory Weekend, people are set free from:

- habitual sin patterns
- demonic oppression
- the curse of the law
- unforgiveness and bitterness
- relational dysfunctions

3. Encourage Spiritual _____⁽³⁾

“By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

JOHN 15:8

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

MATTHEW 4:19

Victory Weekend is designed to help us live a life of maximum fruitfulness. Every Christian is to be a disciple and to make disciples. As we follow Jesus, we learn to fish for people. As we receive ministry, we minister to others.

Personal Application

What areas of your life need freedom and breakthrough?

What sinful attitudes, actions, or thoughts do you still struggle with?

For Further Study

Matthew 16:16-18

Matthew 28:18-20

Luke 6:46-49

John 15:1-8

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:42-47

Romans 6:1-4

Romans 6:18

Romans 10:9

1 Corinthians 3:11

2 Corinthians 1:9,10

Galatians 5:1

2 Timothy 2:19

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TRANSFORMATION

How God Changes People

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

The goal of Christianity is Christlikeness. To the degree that we are not Christlike in our attitudes, motives, actions, or speech, we need to change. In other words, we all need to change.

There are basically three types of change:

1. Reform
2. Conform
3. Transform

Reform and conform are primarily external and dependent on human effort. Transformation is a complete change, internal and external, and is not the result of human effort. Reformation and conformity are things we do to try to change. Transformation is something God does to change us.

HOW GOD CHANGES PEOPLE

All throughout Scripture, we see that people who have an encounter with God experience a radical transformation. Jacob, who was a deceiver, became Israel, the father of God's chosen people. Saul, a religious man who persecuted the early church, changed into the Apostle Paul, whom God inspired to write a big part of the New

Testament. Just as God met with and transformed them, He can change each of us as well.

The Bible patterns for us a three-step process that God uses to bring about this transformation.

Step 1: _____ ⁽¹⁾

Hearing, holding to, and knowing the truth brings freedom.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples . . ."

JOHN 8:31

Truth we are ignorant of does not change us. We must first know the truth, then be set free. More than just a concept or ideology, truth is a person. Jesus is the Truth.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6

The Holy Spirit convicts us and leads us to the truth.

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

JOHN 16:13

As we hear, understand, and respond to God's written Word, we will experience freedom and lasting change.

"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."

JOHN 17:17

Step 2: _____ (2)

Repentance is a change of mind that results in a change of direction. Repentance is demonstrated by our deeds.

... they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

ACTS 26:20

As we allow God's truth to renew our minds, our actions and behavior will eventually be transformed.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1,2

- Repentance involves turning from sin.

⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

COLOSSIANS 3:8-10

*And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord,
"Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor.
And if I have defrauded anyone of anything,
I restore it fourfold."*

LUKE 19:8

- Repentance involves turning to God.

¹⁹“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord . . .”

ACTS 3:19,20

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God . . .

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9

Step 3: _____ ⁽³⁾

Our righteousness is by faith.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

ROMANS 1:17

Complete trust and faith in God overcomes the world.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 JOHN 5:4,5

Faith enables us to live a victorious Christian life.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

GALATIANS 2:20

Faith is always expressed in actions.

¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

JAMES 2:17,18

Personal Application

What needs to be transformed in your life?

What attitudes need to change?

What habits need to be replaced?

What relationships need to be restored?

What thought patterns need to be renewed?

For Further Study

Psalm 119:30

Luke 4:18,19

John 3:19-21

John 8:36

Acts 9:1-22

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 5:1

1 Timothy 1:15,16

3 CROSS

What God Did for Me

². . . looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

HEBREWS 12:2,3

The cross was the central message of the New Testament apostles. To understand and experience the cross of Christ, we must understand three things that happened on the cross.

1. _____ ⁽¹⁾

Jesus suffered the pain of the cross because of our sins. This suffering was both an Old Testament and a New Testament message.

- Isaiah prophesied the suffering of the Messiah.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

ISAIAH 53:10

- Jesus knew He must suffer.

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

MATTHEW 16:21

- Peter preached the suffering of Christ.

"But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled."

ACTS 3:18

- Paul preached the suffering of Christ.

²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."

ACTS 17:2,3

- Moses and the prophets foretold that Jesus would suffer.

²²" . . . and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: ²³that the Christ must suffer. . ."

ACTS 26:22,23

The cross was not the only form of execution in Ancient Rome, but it was the most painful. It was designed to inflict a slow, painful, humiliating death. It did not just kill its victims; it tortured them. The pain of crucifixion began many hours before the victims were actually nailed to the cross. The physical suffering Jesus endured included:

- scourging with the whip causing blood to flow from His back
- a crown of thorns causing blood to flow from His head
- nails causing blood to flow from His hands and feet
- a spear causing blood to flow from His side

2. _____ (2)

Jesus took our place on the cross, becoming our sin and suffering our punishment, so we could receive His righteousness.

- Jesus took the punishment our sins deserve.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ISAIAH 53:5,6

- Jesus became a curse for us, so that we might receive His blessing.

Blessings and curses are spiritual forces at work in the lives of individuals, families, and communities as a result of obedience or disobedience to God's Word. They are usually released through spoken words and are perpetuated from generation to generation, until they are broken.

The evidence of a curse may include patterns of disease, failure, calamities, and disasters, illegitimacy, and relational

dysfunctions. On our own, we are unable to break these curses in our lives. However, Jesus atoned for our sin on the cross, thus breaking the power of these curses in our lives. He took our poverty and gave us His rich blessings. In Christ, we are not just free from a curse, but also recipients of the blessing of God.

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

GALATIANS 3:13,14

3. _____ (3)

- Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

LUKE 19:10

- Jesus came to save sinners.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

- Jesus saves us from God’s wrath.

⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we

were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

ROMANS 5:9,10

RESURRECTION

The good news is Jesus died for us, but He did not stay dead on the cross or in the grave. He was resurrected from the dead. The resurrection is proof that what Jesus said is true.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. . . . ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:17,19,20

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO WHAT JESUS DID ON THE CROSS?

1. _____ ⁽⁴⁾ of all sin.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord . . .

ACTS 3:19,20

2. _____ ⁽⁵⁾ forgiveness for all sin.

¹⁷ . . . delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive

forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

ACTS 26:17,18

3. _____⁽⁶⁾ the price He paid for our sin.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel . . .

2 TIMOTHY 2:8

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you put it into practice?

Are you saved? Are you sure? How do you know?

Briefly write your personal testimony using the following points:

- Before Salvation (The problem: Sin)

- How and When Saved (The solution: Jesus)

- Since Salvation (What has changed?)

For Further Study

Matthew 26:67,68

Matthew 27:50,51,54

Matthew 28:1-7

John 19:1,2

John 19:16-19

John 20:19-21

John 20:27-29

1 Corinthians 1:18

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Philippians 2:5-11

Colossians 1:13-15

Colossians 1:19,20

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POWER

What the Holy Spirit Gives Me

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. . . . ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ACTS 1:4,5,8

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He told His disciples to wait for God’s promised gift, the Holy Spirit. A few days later, during the Feast of Pentecost, God’s Spirit came in power and transformed the disciples into bold witnesses for Christ. As a result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the believers began speaking in other tongues. Peter courageously proclaimed Jesus’ death and resurrection, the crowd responded in faith, and the New Testament church was birthed (Acts 1,2).

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus asked His disciples to wait until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit because He knew that it is impossible to live the Christian life apart from the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Following are some of the ways the Holy Spirit helps the believers.

1. The Holy Spirit _____⁽¹⁾ that we are children of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. . . . ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God . . .

ROMANS 8:14,16

2. The Holy Spirit _____⁽²⁾ us of God's Word.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

JOHN 14:26

3. The Holy Spirit _____⁽³⁾ us to be effective witnesses.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

4. The Holy Spirit _____⁽⁴⁾ us in our weakness.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

ROMANS 8:26,27

5. The Holy Spirit _____⁽⁵⁾ Christlike character in us.

*²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
²³gentleness, self-control . . .*

GALATIANS 5:22,23

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The promise of the infilling of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 was not just for the original disciples, but for *all* who believe.

³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

ACTS 2:38,39

John the Baptist pointed to Jesus as the one who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

MATTHEW 3:11

God will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask in faith.

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

LUKE 11:13

THE PATTERN

The Book of Acts gives five accounts of people being filled with the Holy Spirit. These accounts are the best pattern we have to show how someone receives the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE	WHO	METHOD	MANIFESTATION
Acts 2:2-4	120 disciples	Outpouring after a season of prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heard a sound like a mighty wind • Saw tongues of fire • Everyone spoke in tongues
Acts 8:14-19	Disciples in Samaria	Peter and John laid hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No manifestation mentioned, but Simon apparently saw or heard something that got his attention
Acts 9:17-19	Saul/Paul	Ananias laid hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sight was regained • Scales fell • Though not mentioned here, we know from 1 Corinthians 14:18 that Paul spoke in tongues
Acts 10:44-48	Cornelius's household	While Peter preached	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone spoke in tongues • Everyone praised God
Acts 19:1-6	Twelve disciples of John	Paul laid hands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke in tongues • Prophesied

OBSERVATIONS AND SUMMARY

1. Manifestation

Four of five accounts of the baptism in the Holy Spirit in Acts resulted in _____.⁽⁶⁾

2. Method

The most common method of administering the baptism in the Holy Spirit was the _____.⁽⁷⁾ This was not the only method, just the most commonly used.

3. Group Ministry

Four of the Acts passages describe the Holy Spirit being received simultaneously by _____.⁽⁸⁾ Paul is the only case mentioned where an individual received the Holy Spirit.

Personal Application

Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? When?

How has the Holy Spirit empowered you to be a witness?

For Further Study

Proverbs 12:17

Matthew 10:18

Matthew 28:19,20

John 20:22

Acts 2:32

Acts 3:15

Acts 10:39-43

Acts 22:15

Romans 15:13

1 Corinthians 2:4,5

1 Corinthians 4:20

2 Corinthians 10:4

5 IDENTITY

What God Thinks About Me

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession . . .

1 PETER 2:9

Who we are determines how we act. Internal identity dictates external lifestyle. Fish swim because they are fish. Birds fly because they are birds. Sinners live in sin because they are sinners. A fish is not a fish because it swims. Rather it swims because it is a fish. Nature determines action.

Understanding this principle, Peter reminds the people who they are, then he tells them how they should act. In other words, Peter says, "You are chosen, royal, and holy. Now act like it." As we examine 1 Peter 2:9,10, we see three pictures of who we are in Christ. This is our real identity. This is what God thinks about us. This is how we should act.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 PETER 2:9,10

1. We are _____.⁽¹⁾

We are not left out, not left over, not unwanted. Rather, we are chosen. The following verses tell us why God chose us.

- God chose us because He loves us, not because we love Him.

⁶“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you . . .”

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-8

- God chose us because He is strong, not because we are strong.

. . . God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong . . .

1 CORINTHIANS 1:27

- God chose us because He is wise, not because we are wise.

²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:27-29

- God chose us for future fruitfulness, not because of past success.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide . . .”

JOHN 15:16

2. We are _____.⁽²⁾

A person is either born into a royal family or not. If not, then no amount of intelligence, education, good looks, or money will make one royal. Peter calls us a *royal priesthood*. As Christians, we are born into a privileged bloodline. Because we are royalty, we should hold our heads high and walk in confidence.

Not only are we born-again into a royal bloodline, we are a royal priesthood. For the Jews in ancient Israel, to be a priest was a spiritual privilege for a few. The priest had special access to God. The priest had a place of honor in society. In Christ, we have special access to God and a place of honor as His royal priesthood.

We are royalty. We are a priesthood. We should act like it by living in the presence of God.

3. We are _____.⁽³⁾

It is a common mistake for religious people to reduce holiness to a dress code, a hairstyle, or a music preference. Holiness is, first of all, a heart issue. It is who we are, not what we do. Because we are holy, we should live like we are holy. Holiness of heart produces a holy lifestyle.

15. . . but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 PETER 1:15,16

THREE KINDS OF IDS

When an airport official or a policeman asks for an ID, we usually show them a driver's license or some other photo ID. There are three types of IDs, but only one is valid for a Christian.

1. _____⁽⁴⁾ ID

These Christians still identify with their old life of sin rather than their new life in Christ. The old life is over so we should destroy all expired IDs.

2. _____⁽⁵⁾ ID

These Christians live a double life. They act and speak like disciples on Sunday and live like sinners on Monday.

3. _____⁽⁶⁾ ID

Chosen. Royal. Holy. This is the foundation of our identity in Christ. *Victory Weekend* is a time to update old IDs, to throw away fake IDs, and embrace our new identity in Christ.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you put it into practice?

What expired or false IDs have you been tempted to hold on to?

For Further Study

Psalm 17:8

Psalm 139:13-16

Psalm 149:4

Jeremiah 1:4,5

Jeremiah 9:23,24

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Zephaniah 3:17

John 15:14,15

Romans 8:1,2

Romans 8:31-39

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 3:26-29

Ephesians 2:10

6

RECONCILIATION

Victory Over Relational Dysfunctions

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

COLOSSIANS 3:12,13

God wants us to experience secure, fulfilling, and lasting relationships. Just as Jacob's life of sin severed his most important relationships, sin destroys our relationships. This is both sins we committed against others and sins that have been committed against us. Just as we have been reconciled to God through Christ, God wants our broken relationships to be reconciled.

COMMON RELATIONAL ISSUES

These are common relational issues that cause relational dysfunctions.

1. _____ ⁽¹⁾

We all have many opportunities to get offended. With each opportunity, we can either forgive or allow the offense to grow into bitterness and destroy relationships.

A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city, and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.

PROVERBS 18:19

Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

PROVERBS 17:9

*Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.*

PROVERBS 19:11

2. _____ (2)

If we do not properly deal with offense through forgiveness, then roots of bitterness will grow and defile many.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

EPHESIANS 4:31

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled . . .

HEBREWS 12:15

3. _____ (3)

Jesus was rejected by man, but was so secure in His relationship with the Father that the human rejection did not actually affect how He treated others. We must not allow rejection to enter our hearts and affect our relationships.

"Then you will say in your heart: 'Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away, but who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; from where have these come?'"

ISAIAH 49:21

4. _____ (4)

All of us will have to relate to human authority figures all our lives. The quicker we deal with rebellion in our hearts, the better our relationships will be.

“For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.”

1 SAMUEL 15:23

Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity.

PSALM 106:43

5. _____ (5)

Pride is a sin that builds a wall in us that eventually breaks down relationships.

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS 16:18

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

JAMES 4:6

THE RESULT

If these common relational issues are not dealt with, they will lead to broken family relationships that can even be passed on to the next generation. Since family is God’s idea, we must make the restoration of family relationships top priority.

Because Jesus first reconciled us to Himself, we are called to extend this reconciliation to those around us. He wants the whole world to be reconciled to Him, through us, and this begins with our families.

¹⁸*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;*

¹⁹*that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to*

himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18,19

“And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

MALACHI 4:6

GOD’S SOLUTION

In order to walk free from these common relational issues, we must simply obey what God’s Word says about relating to one another.

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

EPHESIANS 4:1-3

1. _____ (6)

Repentance involves acknowledging and turning away from our sin. It may also involve asking for forgiveness and making restitution.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’”

LUKE 15:17-19

2. _____ (7)

Forgive all who have offended or hurt you, and ask for forgiveness from those you have offended.

¹⁴“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

MATTHEW 6:14,15

²³“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

MATTHEW 5:23,24

Personal Application

What sin do you need to repent of? What will you do about it?

Have you offended anyone and not asked for forgiveness? If so, what should you do about it?

Have you harbored bitterness against someone? If so, what should you do about it?

For Further Study

Genesis 50:17-20

Proverbs 19:11

Malachi 4:6

Matthew 18:21-35

Mark 12:28-31

Ephesians 5:33; 6:1-4

Colossians 3:12-14

James 2:8

7 TRUTH

Victory Over Spiritual Error

But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.”

MATTHEW 22:29

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL ERROR?

As believers, we are called to walk in the truth of God’s Word. Anytime we elevate human reasoning above God’s Word, we end up in spiritual error. There are different types of false teachings that lead to spiritual error.

1. False _____ ⁽¹⁾

There are many sincere and well-meaning people who are teaching a false gospel. Some have added to the message, resulting in legalism, or have deleted essential parts of the gospel, such as the Lordship of Christ or repentance. Paul addressed the problem of the false gospel to the Galatian church.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

GALATIANS 1:6-9

There have been many unbiblical teachings about Jesus throughout history. Some have so focused on His divinity that they have rejected His humanity. Others have gone to the opposite extreme, teaching that Jesus was just a good teacher. To avoid spiritual error, we must base our teaching about the life, person, and work of Christ on God's written Word.

³But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3,4

Cults are examples of a false gospel.

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 JOHN 1:7

2. False _____ (2)

False religions include idolatry, the occult, and any religion that is based on man's effort to reach God.

⁴You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

6but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

EXODUS 20:4-6

10"There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, ¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you."

DEUTERONOMY 18:10-12

3. **False _____** ⁽³⁾

False ideologies include Freemasonry, secret societies, atheism, humanism, universalism, relativism, and unbiblical covenants.

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

COLOSSIANS 2:8

HOW TO BE SET FREE FROM SPIRITUAL ERROR

We can guard ourselves and others from falling into error by observing the following:

1. _____ ⁽⁴⁾ **all spiritual error.**

As we get to know more of God's truth, we renew our minds and turn away from all spiritual error.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

EPHESIANS 5:11

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:2

2. _____ ⁽⁵⁾ **the Word.**

Jesus is the Truth. We study the Scriptures to know Him, not just to learn religious facts.

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me . . ."

JOHN 5:39

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 14:6

3. _____ ⁽⁶⁾ **truth in church community.**

We study God's Word more and understand doctrine and theology with others.

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children,

*tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about
by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by
craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

EPHESIANS 4:11-14

Personal Application

Do you have a biblical understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Have you turned away from and renounced all false religions
and ideologies?

Are you a member of a Bible-based church? Are you being discipled?

Who are you in discipleship with?

For Further Study

Exodus 20:3-6

Joshua 1:8

Jeremiah 7:23

Matthew 24:4,5,10-13,23,24

Mark 12:24

Mark 13:31

John 14:6

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Hebrews 4:12



PURITY

Victory Over Sexual Sins

³For this is the will of God, your sanctification:
that you abstain from sexual immorality;
⁴that each one of you know how to control
his own body in holiness and honor . . .

1 Thessalonians 4:3,4

Scripture is clear: God's will is for us to live free from sexual immorality. He wants us to live pure and holy lives, and He gives us the grace and the power to live this out.

HOW TO WALK IN PURITY

1. _____ ⁽¹⁾ **God's moral standards.**

God's standard is absolute purity. He leaves no room for compromise, no gray areas. The starting point for moral failure is to reject God's standard.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.

EPHESIANS 5:3

*¹Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers,
²older women as mothers, younger women as sisters,
in all purity.*

1 TIMOTHY 5:1,2

2. _____⁽²⁾ **from immoral and compromising situations.**

¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20

For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

1 PETER 4:3

3. **Store God's _____⁽³⁾ in your heart.**

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

PSALM 119:11

4. **Walk in _____⁽⁴⁾ and transparency.**

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 TIMOTHY 2:22

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

JAMES 5:16

Personal Application

Have you turned away from all immoral and compromising practices?

Have you ended all immoral and impure relationships?

Do you have a daily habit of reading and studying God's Word?
When? Where?

Identify three people who you can hold yourself accountable to.

For Further Study

Genesis 39:7-12

Job 31:1

Proverbs 4:23

Matthew 5:27-30

Matthew 15:19

Romans 13:13,14

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Corinthians 6:14

Galatians 5:19-25

Ephesians 5:1-5

Colossians 3:5

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Titus 2:11-14

1 John 1:7

9

FREEDOM

Victory Over Addictions

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

COLOSSIANS 3:5

Our freedom was purchased by Christ on the cross. God expects us to receive and walk in the freedom He paid such a high price for.

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

GALATIANS 5:1

WHAT IS ADDICTION?

1. Addiction is _____ ⁽¹⁾ to sin.

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin."

JOHN 8:34

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

ROMANS 7:14

2. Addiction is _____ ⁽²⁾ freedom.

They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

2 PETER 2:19

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12

ADDICTIONS CAN BE BROKEN

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound . . .

ISAIAH 61:1

The Bible promises that we can experience freedom from things that have bound us. As we believe and obey the following Scriptures, we

1. _____⁽³⁾ the devil.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil,

JAMES 4:7

2. Draw near to _____⁽⁴⁾.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. . . .

JAMES 4:8

3. _____⁽⁵⁾ yourself.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

JAMES 4:10

Personal Application

What addictions need to be broken in your life?

How can you draw near to God and humble yourself before Him on a daily basis?

For Further Study

Isaiah 6:1-8

Romans 6:1-19,22

Romans 7:5

Romans 7:14-25

Romans 8:8

2 Corinthians 3:17

Ephesians 2:1-9

Ephesians 5:18

Titus 2:11,12

James 4:4-7

James 5:16

1 Peter 5:8-10

10 FAITH

Our New Life

³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 JOHN 5:3-5

The key to living a victorious Christian life is having complete trust in Jesus Christ. The more we know Him, the more we will trust Him.

LIVE BY FAITH

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

ROMANS 1:16,17

1. Faith is complete assurance in _____⁽¹⁾.

Faith is putting our complete trust in God alone.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

2. Faith is _____⁽²⁾ for salvation.

Faith, complete trust in God alone, is essential for salvation.

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

EPHESIANS 2:8,9

3. Faith _____⁽³⁾ God.

For the genuine Christian, the major motivating factor for all of life is the desire to please God, not man. The key to pleasing God is faith.

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

HEBREWS 11:6

4. Faith _____⁽⁴⁾ God.

Abraham is called the father of faith. His faith in God always manifested itself in obedience to God's commands.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

HEBREWS 11:8

5. Faith _____⁽⁵⁾ the world.

The foundation of all spiritual victory is absolute trust and faith in God.

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 JOHN 5:4,5

6. Our faith will be _____⁽⁶⁾ as we pray and obey God's Word.

Our faith in God is like a muscle that can grow stronger.

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

JUDE 20,21

Personal Application

How can you live by faith every day?

How can you know God more every day?

For Further Study

John 6:28,29

John 14:6

Acts 2:36-41

Acts 8:26-39

Romans 12:1,2

2 Corinthians 5:7

Galatians 2:20

Ephesians 4:22-24

Hebrews 11

James 2:14-26

1 Peter 1:8,9

11 BAPTISM

Our Declaration

³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. . . ." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

ACTS 2:38,41

Water baptism is an external physical act that represents an internal spiritual reality. The Apostle Peter emphasized that water baptism is not a means for salvation, but an act of faith and obedience after receiving the gospel of salvation. When you get baptized in water, you publicly proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ.

The Bible presents four illustrations to help us understand water baptism.

1. _____ ⁽¹⁾ and Resurrection

Paul compares Christian baptism to a burial. In order to be buried, a person must first die. In the same way, the prerequisite for baptism is death to sin. After we are buried in baptism, then we are raised to live a new life.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was

raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

ROMANS 6:1-4

2. _____⁽²⁾ **the Red Sea**

In the same way the Israelites were in slavery to the Egyptians, we were all slaves of sin. The Israelites were freed from their bondage by passing through the Red Sea. Baptism pictures the freedom from sin that Jesus purchased for us on the cross.

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea . . .

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1,2

3. _____⁽³⁾

Paul says baptism is like a circumcision, not done by human hands, but a spiritual circumcision done by Christ. It is a *putting off* of the sinful nature by faith in the work of Christ.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

COLOSSIANS 2:11,12

4. **The** _____⁽⁴⁾

Peter teaches that it is not the water or the *removal of dirt* that saves us, but the death and resurrection of Christ.

²⁰. . . because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which

corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ . . .

1 PETER 3:20,21

WHAT NOW?

Have you been baptized in water since you repented of your sins? If not, what are you waiting for?

“And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.”

ACTS 22:16

BAPTISM DECLARATION

I believe that God became man in Jesus Christ.

I believe that Jesus lived the life I should have lived and died the death I should have died—in my place.

I believe that three days later Jesus rose from the dead, proving that He is the Son of God.

I repent of my sins and put my faith in Christ. By His grace, I receive the gift of salvation and the forgiveness of my sins.

I now commit myself to spreading this gospel to every nation by making disciples who follow Jesus Christ.

Personal Application

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you put it into practice?

For Further Study

Matthew 4:1-11

Luke 14:25-33

Acts 22:16

Romans 6:3-8

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Corinthians 10:1,2

1 Timothy 2:5

2 Timothy 1:8,9

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Hebrews 4:12

James 1:22

2 Peter 1:3-11

12 DISCIPLESHIP

Our Response

And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

MATTHEW 4:19

Jesus did more than attract crowds. He invited people to be His disciples. The problem is that while most Christians agree that discipleship is important, even essential for Christian maturity, few understand what it means.

When Jesus calls us to be His disciples, He is calling us to build relationships with God, lost people, and His people.

1. Follow _____⁽¹⁾.

The starting point of being a disciple is following Jesus. We follow Him by obeying His Word.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples . . ."

JOHN 8:31

2. _____⁽²⁾ for people.

Discipleship is not just about following Jesus; it is also about helping others follow Him. We do this by telling them about what Christ has done for us.

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

LUKE 8:39

3. _____ ⁽³⁾ with other believers.

As we follow Jesus and make disciples, we follow along with a community of believers. Real fellowship is helping one another honor God.

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

HEBREWS 10:24,25

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Our commitment to Christ is to be a disciple and to make disciples. Because He has entrusted the message of salvation to us, all of us are called to boldly tell others about God's solution for sin. The good news is that He has not left us alone in this mission and has empowered us through the Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses.

¹⁹"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:19,20

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Personal Application

Have you made a decision to follow Jesus? If not, what could be holding you back?

List ten friends or family members you will pray for and seek to share the gospel with over the next few months.

For Further Study

Matthew 9:35-38

Mark 8:34

Luke 14:26-33

John 15:12-16

Acts 11:22-26

Acts 14:21-28

Romans 1:14-16

1 Corinthians 3:9-15

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Ephesians 2:19-22

Ephesians 4:11,12

2 Timothy 2:2

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ESTABLISH

biblical foundations

- 1 Read your Bible and apply the transformational process of truth, repentance, and faith.
- 2 Be part of a Victory group and be involved in your church community.
- 3 Go through The Purple Book.

