

Faith Christian Fellowship
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I Am Not a Victim 10
Take up, Stand up, and Giddy-up

Text: Romans 8:37 NLT No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Ps 105:19 / Gen 50:20

This is the Year of Victory. We will “overcome the victim mentality – I am not a victim!” We are moving away from “Poor me,” blaming circumstances and other people, to a victor mentality. Victims blame. Victors stand up, step up, and take responsibility for their lives. Jesus in our boat. God is not to blame, nor did the devil make you do it. Get over your parents, the system, and your tormentors. Even if you have been wrongly treated, you have the power to forgive. Stuff happens: what are you gonna do? Joseph gave us the example of hanging on to the Word in the midst of the circumstances.

When you feel like a victim, how do you get to victory?

- ♥ Own your circumstances – Luke 9:23
 - Say no to self. You are not the center of the universe. The most difficult step to real life is stepping away from your own pain and passion. Gal 2:20 / Phil 2:4
 - Take up your cross.
 - The cross symbolized that the painful humiliating death reserved for the most heinous of crimes should be your fate. It's what you deserve, and until you own it, you can't follow Him to Calvary where you can trade it in. 2 Cor 5:21
 - In any situation, the only part you are responsible for is yours. Own it even if the other party bears 99% of the blame. You are at least responsible for your reaction.
 - Follow the Master. Follow = akoloutheō to be joined on the same road. My daily call is
 - Mat 10:38 At the commissioning of the 12 **to choose Him** when others resist. This is a requirement for discipleship.
 - Mat 16:24 God's plan may not make human sense. After Peter's confession and the rebuke that followed His prediction of His death: **Get your thinking adjusted, God's way is not going to be your way.**

- Luk 14:27 To the crowd after the supper parables at the Pharisee's house. **There will be a cost to this. And if you count it you will not do it.**
- Mar 10:21 His call to the rich young ruler: **Give up who you think you are and what you think is important**

- ♥ Own God's vision of you: Hab 2:2-4
 - Without God's vision you have no brakes. Pr 29:18. / Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.
 - Vision brings with it direction and motivation to action. Hab 2:2. Psa 119:105 By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. MSG
 - A Word from the Lord has in itself the power to fulfill itself. V. 3. Lk 1:37 For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment. (AMP)
 - Vision prompts faith you can live by when you can't see. V 4. 2 Cor 5:7
 - Get in the right mirror. 2 Cor 3:18. You need to spend the rest of your life finding out who you are according to the perfect law of liberty.
 - James 1:23-25 Lit., *the perfect law, the law of liberty.* (Vincent).
 - If you are looking in the Word and not finding liberty, you need to change your glasses
- ♥ Stay the course.
 - Believe it. Heb 4:2
 - Say it. 2 Cor 4:13
 - Plan for victory. James 2:25-26.
 - Having done all, stand!!!! Eph 6:13-14.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58 NKJV; Gal 6:9 NLT)