

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, March 11, 2012**  
**I Am Not a Victim 5**  
**Wave Upon Wave of Grace**

**Text:** Romans 8:37 NLT No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.  
Gen 3:11-13 / James 1:13

This is the Year of Victory. Our emphasis is specifically “overcome the victim mentality – I am not a victim!” Last week we started the big one: God is not to blame.

♥ Recap: don't blame your Answer for your problem

- Job was wrong: He couldn't see what was going on, so he was confined to what his buddies said and what he could figure out with his head.
- James 1:2-17 God is never the author of temptations, tests, and trials: James 1:2-17
  - Temptation comes. God will get us out or through
  - 1 Cor 10:13. The way of escape is there somewhere.
  - We can ask and He will show us. (Faith rests)
- We must avoid the temptation to blame God – that is the first sign of deception.

♥ Following God is not always a straight line. Don't get distracted by the twists in the road or by the length of the night.

- Num 21:4. They had to walk around Edom because of circumstances of which they were ignorant. (Num 20:20-21/ Dt 23:7) They thought it was all about them.
  - V 5. They spoke against God, their leaders, and the Word. They have now cut themselves off from the very ones they need to get them to their goal.
  - The attack of the serpents comes immediately, for they are without protection. Your way stinks!
    - ◆ Proverbs 1:31 / Proverbs 14:12 / Proverbs 12:15 / Proverbs 4:19 Proverbs 19:3 .
    - ◆ Proverbs 19:3 MSG People ruin their lives by their own stupidity, so why does GOD always get blamed?
- God has info that you don't have, and He always guides with your blessing in mind. **Shut up and eat your manna!**

- Delay in the desired response, or a trail that doesn't seem to make sense, often brings complaint. Heb 6:12 Faith with patience brings the promise.
  - John 15:7. The secret: Substitute love and the Word for griping
    - ◆ Abide in Him = abide in love. 1 John 4:16
    - ◆ His words abide in you.
  - 1 Jn 5:14-15. Faith begins where the will of God is known. Petitions that are born from the Word of God, prayed in faith, and bolstered with perseverance are bound to be obtained.

♥ His grace is sufficient: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- Paul's thorn: a messenger sent to hammer Paul with persecution to stop the Word that Paul had received. Paul prayed 3 times asking God to remove this attack. God's response is grounds for shouting: “My grace is sufficient for thee”
- Grace has 3 aspects. The Giver, the gift, and the power.
- The results of the free gift of God's grace to the believer
  - James 4:5-7 / 1 Peter 5:5-9 **grace to resist the enemy**
  - 2 Timothy 2:1 / 1 Cor 15:10 / Phil 1:7. **Grace for the task**
  - Acts 20:32 Built up and given an inheritance. **Grace builds and provides!!!**
  - 2 Cor 9:8 **Grace provides sufficiency to abound!!!!!!!**
  - Titus 2:11-12 **Grace to live!!!!**
  - Hebrews 12:28 **Grace to serve!!!!**
- But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so **grace might reign through righteousness** to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom 5:21
- John 1:16 Barclay's New Testament: This was his message because out of the Word's complete perfection we have all received, and **to us there has come wave upon wave of grace**
- When sin assaults grace abounds, when temptation comes, He giveth more grace. When death rises up, grace shall reign. When the task seems enormous His grace is enough. When the journey seems long His grace builds me up. When the storm rages long, grace rushes toward me on every wave!

**HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT. USE IT!**