

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, March 18, 2012
I Am Not a Victim 6
The Devil Did Not Make You Do It!

Text: Romans 8:37 NLT No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
Gen 3:11-13 / James 4:7

This is the Year of Victory. Our emphasis is specifically “overcome the victim mentality – I am not a victim!” Victims blame God, parents, society, oppressors and predators, the devil, and self. Victors stand up, step up, and take responsibility for their lives. First, we discovered that no matter how bad the storm, we have Jesus in our boat. We saw the big one: God is not to blame. Now we have to establish the fact that the devil didn’t make you do it.

♥ There is a devil

- Jesus believed in him. Matt 4:1-11
- He is a fallen angel: Lk 10:18 / Rev 12:9
- He rules the world system since the fall of Adam
 - Eph 2:1-3
 - 2 Cor 4:4
- He hinders the work of God. 1 Thess 2:18
- Hell is designed to house him and his followers. Matt 25:41

♥ We know his game plan

- Mk 4:15. He comes to steal the Word of God. The moment he disengages you from your portion in the work of the Gospel and turns you into a spectator, he has you.
- Eph 6:11-12. His main method is trickery. He tries to get us to fight people instead of dealing with him.
 - 2 Cor 2:11. He uses unforgiveness to ensnare us.
 - James 3:14-17. He uses strife and selfishness to open us up to confusion and evil.
 - Rev 12:10 His name means traducer. He is the accuser of the brethren.
- 2 Cor 11:3-4, 13-15. He attempts to draw people after false messiahs – christs other than the real one. How attractive are the emissaries of our idols!

- John 8:44 / 10:10
 - A murderer and a liar.
 - Steal, kill, destroy. Steal the Word, kill the body, and destroy the spirit in hell.
 - Jesus:
 - “My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” NLT
 - Hebrews 2:14 NLT Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could He die, and only by dying could He break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

♥ Because Jesus did His job, ours is simple: Recognize, Resist, Renew

- If Satan is abusing and accusing my brother, I should cast him out. If he is harassing me in any way, I should resist him.
- Recognize:
 - 2 Cor 10:4-5. Thoughts!!! Key to victory
 - James 3:17 NLT But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.
- Resist:
 - James 4:7
 - Lk 4:2-13
 - Eph 6:13-14 (Heb 12:4)
- Replace
 - Romans 12:2
 - Col 3:9-14
 - Phil 4:8 don’t just pray, THINK!

Why should we think upon things that are lovely?
Because thinking determines life. It is a common habit to blame life upon the environment. Environment modifies life but does not govern life. The soul is stronger than its surroundings.

William James

