

Faith Christian Fellowship
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I Am Not a Victim 7
The Parent Trap

Text: Romans 8:37 NLT No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
Gen 3:11-13 / Gen 12:1

This is the Year of Victory. Our emphasis is specifically “overcome the victim mentality – I am not a victim!” The world is going to wax worse and worse. We are moving away from “Poor me,” blaming circumstances and other people, to a victor mentality. Victims blame God, parents, society, oppressors and predators, 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. God is not to blame, nor did the devil make you do it. Today a quick tour through evolution and culture: Get over your parents.

♥ God thinks parents are important

- God delegated the responsibility of procreation to people.
 - You are creating an eternal being when you have a child. It is a staggering responsibility.
 - Your DNA will be carried on in your offspring – they inherit things from you.
- Parents are responsible for caring for and protecting children. Ps 103:13-14 / Lk 12:29-31 Note there is no detail given to this. This is simply normal.
- Parents are expected to teach children. Dt. 6:4-7.
 - They must be taught the things of God. Eph 6:4
 - They must be taught natural things. Skills, culture.
 - They must be corrected. Pr 3:13 / 29:17 / Heb 12:7-9 / et al
- Parents provide an example. Eph 5:1 / 1 Thess 2:7-12

♥ Parents are human: They fail.

- You are born with your genetics. You die with how you use them.
 - Abnormalities are caused by the fall, not our parents.
 - Ungodly passions may have a root in genetics.
- Children were designed to be raised in a two parent home. Single parents need extra help.

- There is a continuum of parental failure
 - Out and out abuse: physical, sexual, mental
 - The unbelieving 2 parent family is failing in its most important job: preparing a child for Heaven.
 - Christian parents who
 - Don't live right but make demands on kids
 - Don't provide training and instruction
 - These things are “provoking.”

♥ You will answer for yourself before God, not for your parents.

- Things handed down from parents must be addressed by you.
 - You are free from “generational curses.”
 - Ex 20:5. You don't hate God
 - Put on the new man. Eph 4:23-24
 - Parental values, cultures, and practices must be measured against the Word of God. Titus 1:12-14
- Abusive parents must be
 - Forgiven. Eph 4:31-32
 - Honored. Eph 6:2
- If you came from a single parent home, it will be your responsibility to learn how adults are supposed to act, and how to parent your own kids. Psalms 27:10 / Psalms 68:5
- Evaluate yourself in the light of God's standards.
- You are not limited by what your parents were. You are not defined by what they said. You are not controlled by their approval. God has purpose for you, independent of your family of origin. Whether you fulfill it or not is your choice. Psalms 45:10 Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house;
- Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.
 - Leave (but value) your cultural boundaries.
 - Leave (but honor) your blood legacy.
 - Leave (with gratitude) your dependency on others.
 - Look ahead to the land God has for you.