

VICTORIOUS LIFE

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

MAY 21 + 22, 2022

MY STORY

1. What is a current “guilty pleasure” that you keep going back to? (TV shows, foods, desserts, books, purchases, etc.)
2. What is your initial reaction when things don’t go your way? Share an example.
3. What single person has had the most influence in your life?

IN REVIEW

Last week, you were encouraged to take notice of when you maximize failures or defeats. From there, you were encouraged to pivot and tap into the power Jesus has given you over sin. What did you write down, or take mental note of, in how you chose God’s will over that of our sinful nature? What defeats did you encounter? Victories?

DIGGING DEEPER

4. Read Galatians 5:13-26 and answer the following questions.
 - a. In these verses, we see that we should not use our freedom as believers to “indulge in our sinful nature”. Have you seen the freedom Christian’s have, living by grace, be abused? If so, explain. On the contrary, how have you seen freedom unfold in a healthy manner? Explain.
 - b. Even though we are a new creation, we still struggle with sinful desires. If we are made “alive by the Spirit,” why do we still struggle with sin?

- c. In your own life, what parts of your sinful desires, or sinful appetite, have died and been buried? Which sinful desires for you are still an active battle or struggle?
 - d. Which Fruits of the Spirit do you see blossoming in your life? Which ones need tending to? Explain.
5. Read Romans 8:5-11 and answer the questions below.
- a. What does Paul say about the two options Christians have in living their life? Discuss.
 - b. The battle of temptation and sin often begins in the mind. In your own experience, have you found this to be true? Explain. From there, how have you lost these battles? How have you been victorious over these battles? Share.
6. Read James 1:13-15. In light of this discussion on living a “Victorious Life”, what stands out to you most from the verse in James? Next, take note of how these verses in James compare to the verses read in Romans 8 (in question 5 above.)

CALL TO ACTION | MEMORIZE: Memorize the 2 verses below. In the upcoming week, when you are tempted towards sinful thoughts or actions, pause and recite these 2 scriptures. Be prepared to share how these affect you.

Romans 8:6, NIV

“The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV

“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

TAKING IT HOME

This is boots to the ground. How will you practically (and actually) put the “Call To Action” section(s) from above into practice this week?