



Easley Church of God  
Sunday Worship 8-28-22  
Sermon Series: LABELS-4

Key Verse for this Series:

1 Corinthians 6:11

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right (justified) with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Today's Text:

Genesis 39:20-23

20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

Genesis 40:1-4

1 It came to pass after these things that the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt offended their lord, the king of Egypt. 2 And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief butler and

the chief baker. 3 So he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. 4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.

Psalm 105:17-19

17 Then He sent someone to Egypt ahead of them—Joseph, who was sold as a slave. 18 They bruised his feet with fetters and placed his neck in an iron collar. 19 Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character.

THE IMPACT OF BEING WRONGLY LABELED:

1. The enemy tries to make you think \_\_\_\_\_ have to be \_\_\_\_\_ for you to be used by God.

a. Colossians 1:13-14 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

b. Genesis 39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

c. Luke 10:19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

THE IMPACT OF BEING WRONGLY LABELED:

2. The enemy will \_\_\_\_\_ a label at you to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ you are what they label you.

a. Galatians 5:7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?

THE IMPACT OF BEING WRONGLY LABELED:

3. The enemy tries to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_, circumstances, and the influences of the world.

a. Genesis 39:19-20 So it was, when his master heard the words which his wife spoke to him, saying, "Your servant did to me after this manner," that his anger was aroused. 20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

b. 2 Corinthians 6:3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.

c. Matthew 16:23 But He (Jesus) turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

d. Luke 17:1 Then He (Jesus) said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!"

#### THE IMPACT OF BEING WRONGLY LABELED:

4. This can all \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of your mind.

a. Matthew 6:13 (Jesus taught us to pray) And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

b. 1 Peter 2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

#### VICTORY OVER THE FEELING OF CONFINEMENT:

1. Victory is about \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that have been scattered in your mind and not letting them take root.

a. Genesis 40:4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them; so they were in custody for a while.

b. Proverbs 19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.

c. "You overlook offenses by looking up to God."

d. Colossians 2:8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

e. 2 Corinthians 6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

#### VICTORY OVER THE FEELING OF CONFINEMENT:

2. Victory is about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts that have taken root in our mind—everything that does not \_\_\_\_\_ with the heart of God.

a. Matthew 16:24-25 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

b. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 MSG The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.

c. Proverbs 23:7 As he thinks in his heart, so is he.

#### VICTORY OVER THE FEELING OF CONFINEMENT:

3. Victory is realizing \_\_\_\_\_ is the most powerful \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.

a. We must fully believe that Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ us.

b. 1 Peter 2:24 And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

c. 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

d. Psalm 103:2-6 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The LORD executes righteousness And justice for all who are oppressed.

#### Conclusion:

Jesus suffered and died—but He was not defeated—because He arose from the dead with VICTORY over the enemy! Today we have victory because of the scars of Jesus!

#### Reflection:

Have you completely yielded your entire life to Jesus?

Have you asked Jesus to free your mind?