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# 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 (NIV)

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

# 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 (NIV)

**“Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

# **1 Corinthians 15:54–58 (NIV)**

**Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

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# Point 1

**The Law reveals our sinful nature**

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## Romans 7:7

**“...I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law....”**

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## Galatians 3:23-25 NIV

**Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.**

## Galatians 3:23-25 NIV

So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

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## Point 2

**Victory is Christ-confidence,  
not self-reliance**

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## Romans 8:1–2

**“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”**

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# Point 3

**Victory changes how you see  
death**

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# 1 Peter 1:3-4

**“In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.”**

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## Point 4

**Eternal hope produces  
unshakeable people**

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**Micah 7:8**

**“Though I have fallen, I will rise.”**

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# Point 5

**Victorious people live with  
purpose**

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## **1 Corinthians 15:58**

**“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”**

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## Ephesians 2:10

**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.”**

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