

Are You Living in Victimhood?

Series: Moving Out of Victimhood (message 2) **Date:** April 11, 2021

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- Genesis 3

In the victimhood shame makes us blame.

- Genesis 4

In the victimhood all offenses are victimization.

- Proverbs 17:9

In the victimhood you lose responsibility.

The victimhood breeds bitterness.

Sin does not excuse sin.

In victimhood we think we're more just than God.

God sides with the victim.

- Deuteronomy 10:17–18

God identifies with you so much he became a victim.

- 2 Corinthians 5:21

sermon discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptisms – Sunday, April 18. Text BAPTISM to 951-382-5111 to sign up.

RECAP THE SERMON

Spend a few minutes discussing the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything new that you learned, anything that confused you or anything that stood out?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Everyone experiences victimization at some point in their lives. When is it easy to profess that you are a victim and when is it difficult? Why?
2. **Read Proverbs 17:9.** Living in victimhood often involves getting stuck reliving an offense or letting an offense overshadow everything else. Can you recall a time you let an offense get the better of you? Did you eventually see the offense be healed or “covered over?” If so, what happened?
3. **Read Genesis 3:9-13.** When someone blames another for their own sins, what does it reveal about that person’s beliefs regarding themselves, God, and others?
4. **Read Genesis 4:5–9.** How did Cain exemplify living in victimhood? Considering Cain’s choices, how might living in victimhood threaten areas of your life?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 7:10.** We often feel pain and shame when our sin is revealed. What types of reactions to that pain lead to death? Which reactions lead to life?
6. **Read Deuteronomy 10:17-18.** What does this verse teach us about God’s attitude and intentions toward victims and perpetrators?
7. **Read Romans 12:17-21.** In which ways does living in victimhood damage our trust in God? How can the knowledge that God will execute final justice empower you to leave victimhood behind?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”* **Romans 12:21**