

## **We Must See Why We Stay**

**Series:** Moving Out of Victimhood (message 3) **Date:** April 18, 2021

**Before we can leave, we must see why we stay.**

- Matthew 16:24–27

### **2 Samuel 13**

2 Samuel 13:20–22 ***It may be for the aid you get.***

2 Samuel 13:23, 28–29 ***It may be for vengeance.***

- Romans 12:19
- Luke 3:8

2 Samuel 13:37–39, 14:25–28 ***It may be for the community.***

2 Samuel 14:33, 15:2–4 ***It may be for the influence gained.***

- Matthew 5:4–5

2 Samuel 18:9–10, 14–15 **Victimhood destroys so let's deal with the cost.**

# sermon discussion

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## 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. Have you ever been trapped or stuck somewhere? What circumstances or decisions led you to that predicament?
2. **Read Matthew 16:24-26.** How have you experienced the feeling of worldly gain that can come from holding onto victimhood?
3. **Read John 10:10-12.** Can you think of a time someone encouraged you to stay in your victimhood? What is it about the victimhood mentality that makes us vulnerable to users and abusers?
4. **Read Matthew 6:9-15.** How do you think Jesus's teaching in this passage can help us develop habits to reject victimhood daily?
5. **Read Matthew 19:29.** One of the most attractive things about victimhood may be the communities of people held together by the victim mentality. What are some practical things we can do as a Christian community to provide a place for people to find connection and healing as they move out of victimhood?
6. **Read Matthew 13:44-46.** Take some time to remind each other of the great value found in rejecting worldly gain for the sake of Christ. What is something you love about following Jesus or a promise you are looking forward to?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"* **Matthew 16:24-26**

Spend some time listening to a song inspired by Matthew 16:26 "lose my soul"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yiePk16Yf3o>