

Victim to Victory

Series: Moving Out of Victimhood (message 1) **Date:** April 4, 2021

Characteristics of the victimhood mentality:

- *You use absolute thinking.*
- *You keep coming back to the issue.*
- *It's not your fault!*

To move out of the victimhood, follow the victor.

- Isaiah 53:4–5
- Luke 23:21–22
- Luke 23:41
- Luke 23:47

Jesus was the greatest victim.

- 1 Peter 2:21–25
- 1 Peter 2:22

Jesus didn't live in victimhood.

- 1 Peter 2:24

Jesus rose as the victor over victimhood.

- 1 Corinthians 15:13–14
- 1 Peter 2:21–25

1. Jesus forgave (Luke 23:34)
2. Jesus stayed responsible (John 19:26–27)
3. Jesus received help (John 19:28–29)
4. Jesus kept his purpose (John 19:30)
5. Jesus trusted God (Mark 15:34, Luke 23:46)

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. Who is someone you know that faced undeserved suffering, yet handled it with grace and dignity?
2. When have you noticed one or more of the characteristics of victimhood mentality in your life?
 - *The three Pastor Greg mentioned: you use absolute thinking, you keep coming back to the issue, you blame shift (it's not my fault!).*
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7.** How might a victimhood mentality make it difficult to give Christian love?
4. **Read Colossians 3:8–10.** One mark of the victimhood mentality is continually revisiting and holding on to unjust suffering that has happened to you. Is there an event in your past that is difficult for you to let go of? What could your “new self” look like if Jesus healed the hurt that you are carrying?
5. **Read Hebrews 4:15–16.** How does the knowledge that Jesus was victimized and tempted (even toward a sinful victimhood mindset) help you have confidence to face unjust suffering from your past or in your future?
6. **Read 1 Peter 2:21–25.** Which aspects of Jesus’s example in this verse or in the sermon are the most extraordinary in your opinion? What would your life look like if you followed Jesus in that area?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE: *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.* **1 Peter 2:21**