

# Divine Life Church Worship & Training Center

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## **Growing in Identity: Victim to Victor** **Pastor Deon Byers**

We must have a revelation of what being a true son of God is and walk in our sonship. Sonship is not about gender, but it is about a position. We must move from victim to victor and not allow life's circumstances to cause us to become stuck. A believer who becomes stuck will never fulfill the fullness of what God has planned for their life. It is vital that we move from an orphan spirit to sonship. Jesus dealt with rejection, but He never became an orphan because he had a revelation of who His Father was. He had an identity of who the Father was and who He was in the Father. We are not what we go through, so we must work to get rid of the victim's mentality.

God wants us to be victorious, but we have an enemy that comes against and doesn't want us to know our identity. Sometimes storms come our way to keep us stuck. The enemy doesn't want us to know our identity. He wants us to have a victim mentality. The victim's mentality is dangerous because it substitutes faith for excuses. A believer cannot be who God called him to be if he has a victim mentality. God has called us to a place of freedom. Don't get stuck in a victim mentality because you haven't put in the work to shift your mindset.

### **John 5:1 – 7**

#### **A Victim Mentality Keeps You Stuck In Defeat While God Called You To Freedom.**

- ⇒ Sometimes we have been in a condition for so long and when we have an opportunity for freedom, we won't go.
- ⇒ The man at the pool conditioned himself to believe that he wasn't going to be healed.
- ⇒ He believed if no one placed him in the pool, he wouldn't be healed.
- ⇒ Jesus offered him freedom (healing), but his mindset responded with an excuse.
- ⇒ God offers us freedom, but if we don't change our mindset, we will not be free.

- What has God said about your infirmity? What are you doing about it?
- When Jesus asks you a question, do you respond with faith or an excuse?

### **Numbers 13:31 – 33**

#### **Number 14:1 – 14**

- ⇒ If the enemy can keep an individual focused on life's circumstances, he will remain having a victim mentality.
- ⇒ Whom the Son has set free is free indeed, despite what life's circumstances may say.
- ⇒ Believers can view themselves through God's lens or through their lens.
- ⇒ When a believer can't see God's hands moving in his life, it becomes hard to trust that God is doing what He said He would do.
- ⇒ God can say something, but if there isn't a change in the mindset, there will never be actions steps moving towards what God said to do.
- ⇒ Obey what God said concerning your assignment. Don't focus on what others are doing.
- ⇒ Be careful with the posture of your heart when completing Kingdom assignments. Complete your assignment with a pure heart.
- ⇒ Don't allow the need for recognition to cause you to be stuck.
- ⇒ Victory is already ours. We just have to enforce it.
  - Do you view yourself through God's lens or your lens? Explain.
  - Explain how you have worked, are working, or will work to free your mind?
  - What's the posture of your heart when you serve in God's Kingdom?
  - How do you enforce victories in your life?

### 1 John 3:1

- ⇒ Believers must put in the work to purify themselves for their assignment.
- ⇒ Spending time with God gives you confidence in yourself (identity) and gives you confidence in who God created you to be. You will have revelational knowledge about your assignment.
- ⇒ Walking in your identity requires a person to meditate on what God is saying and doing what He says.
  - Are you stuck waiting on recognition from others when God has already validated you?
  - Are you doing the assignment God spoke to you, or are you busy doing what you chose to do?

### Ephesians 2:10

- ⇒ God has already prepared you for every good work.
- ⇒ Don't allow your zeal to get you out of the will of God.
- ⇒ Stay planted where God tells you to until He gives you something different. The anointing and blessings are where He told you to be.
- ⇒ Don't waste your preparation season. There are some things God must get out of you and some things God must get in to you. The exchange happens during the preparation season.
- ⇒ If a person misses something in the preparation season, he can't be all that God wrote in his book. It's not that God doesn't want to use you, but you failed in your season of preparation.
  - Are you where God planted you for this season of your life?
    - Are you properly prepared for this season?
    - Are you in a season of preparation?
    - Have you failed in your previous season of preparation and the evidence of the failure is manifesting in your life?

### John 16:5 -15

#### Victory Is Not About Willpower, But It's About The Spirit.

- ⇒ Holy Spirit is our guide.
- ⇒ Holy Spirit helps us to enforce our victories.
- ⇒ Tongues (heavenly language) is a weapon!
- ⇒ Don't quench the spirit of God but not spending time with Him.
- ⇒ The scripture without Jesus is no good. Jesus is who gives the scriptures life.
- ⇒ It's one thing to quote the scriptures, it's another thing to live the scriptures.
  - If you don't spend time with Holy Spirit, who is guiding you?
  - Do you know Jesus, or do you know scripture?



### Mission

*The mission of Divine Life Memphis is founded in Ezekiel 34:16. To reach the lost, bring back the scattered, heal the broken, and strengthen the weak.*

### Vision

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