

Series 1000 Victory in Jesus: Metadata (Filmed Sept. 17/19, 24)

1 John 5 tells us “The victory that overcomes the world is our faith.” Our faith in Jesus makes us more than a conqueror. We not only win, we win overwhelmingly. Our sufferings don’t have to define us, they can refine us. Our challenges can be met head on and we can grow through as we go through. You are destined to be a winner in life!

- 1) Resist Arrest: Evil is very real. The evil one dislikes us and tries to kill us and make our life miserable. He tempts us and oppresses us through people, circumstances and even our own desires. When we resist him, we can be victorious. As we speak the Word of God out of our mouth, we will have victory.
- 2) Victim or Victor?: Suffering is part and parcel to everyone’s life. You can have victory when you realize there is purpose to the pain. Our suffering is transformative, brings compassion, is a catalyst towards God, purifies us and makes us real. Don’t just suffer, allow your sufferings to transform you!
- 3) The Heart of it all: The core of the Christian message is Jesus. The Gospels make it clear Jesus is the Son of God. He desires something real and personal with each of us. As we encounter Jesus we will receive the call to share him with others. The stakes couldn’t be higher. Life and Death are in the balance.
- 4) Challenges Make Champions: We all face obstacles, adversities, troubles and trials. These aren’t meant to define us, but refine us. As we face our difficulties and try, we can become all that God calls us to be. Within each of us is an “inner winner.” Don’t be self-reliant, be God-reliant and you will be an overcomer.
- 5) You Can be Happy: We all have a right to pursue happiness. Being happy is based on happenings and can be fleeting. Jesus prayed for us to have joy. The joy of being loved and on the way to heaven. It is the joy of the Lord that is our strength and brings a greater degree of happiness because joy lasts.
- 6) Seek and you will find: The Bible is comprised of books teaching us how to pray. The parable of the Pharisee and the Publican teaches us to be humble, pray for mercy and not to compare. As we come before God sincerely and honestly, our relationship will intensify. God will reward us with his presence and answers.
- 7) The Sacred Walk: The ability to walk is one of the great pleasures in life. Walking is also a metaphor about discipleship. We walk with God and walk to progress in holiness. Our journey is a pilgrimage of faith. We walk by faith and not by sight. We have a destination in mind: Heaven itself. We walk one step at a time.
- 8) Ask and you shall receive: Wisdom is a virtue infused by God and learned from past experiences. It is the learning that leads to sound judgments and good choices. Wisdom teaches us to live for the ultimate, not the fleeting. We reap what we sow: Wisdom brings life, but conversely, foolish living leads to death.