

***Victory!***  
**Through Death and Resurrection**  
Sunday, July 24, 2022

**Philippians 3: 1-11 NIV**

Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. <sup>2</sup>Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. <sup>3</sup>For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup>though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

**1. Start With a Proper Focus**

2 Corinthians 3:18 We looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord.  
Philippians 3:3 We who boast in Christ Jesus.  
Hebrews 12:2 Looking only at Jesus, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross.

**2. Response Over Responsibility**

Philippians 3:9 Not having a righteousness of my own but that which is through faith in Christ.  
John 12: 24-25 Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies it remains only a single seed.  
Galatians 2:20 Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God.

**3. Draw From His Indwelling Power**

Philippians 3: 10-11 I want to know the power of His resurrection.  
1 Corinthians 12:7 To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given.  
Galatians 5: 24-25 Those in Christ have been crucified in the flesh.

**Conclusion:** The love of God is the end of all our actions. *Let us not* fix our eyes on the sin we desire to overcome. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, for then we will become like Him! Let us simply live in response to all Jesus is manifested through us.

**LIFE GROUP LESSON**  
**Victory Through Death and Resurrection**  
Week of July 24- July 30, 2022

**Ice Breaker:** Name something that goes through a death of sorts before new life emerges?

**Read Philippians 3: 1-11.**

1. What are we reminded to do first and always? (v.1)
2. Why is the Apostle Paul eager to repeat himself? (v.1) What significance does this teach about our condition?
3. Who is the Apostle Paul saying to watch out for? (v.2) Why?
4. What is the significance of those promoting circumcision?
5. What does he mean in verse 3, “we who are the circumcision”?
6. Who are we to boast in? Who are we to put confidence in?
7. Why did the Apostle Paul list his own qualifications? (vs. 4-7)
8. What is he teaching us about any of our qualifications apart from Christ?
9. What did the apostle let go of to gain Christ? (v.8)
10. Was this a physical or emotional letting go, or both?
11. What might you need to let go of to gain more of Christ in your life?
12. Where does our righteousness come from? (v.9)
13. Do we gain anything by striving to handle “life” on our own? Do we lose anything? What?
14. What is the apostle’s greatest desire-above all things? (vs. 10-11)
15. How can we know the power of Jesus’ resurrection if we don’t first share in His death?
16. When we feel defeated/guilty/condemned, where is our focus?
17. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What are we seeing in a mirror spiritually?
18. Read Philippians 3:3 and Hebrews 12:2. Who do we look to and boast in? What changes in our life when we do this?
19. Read John 12: 24-25. How does this relate to how we live in Christ?
20. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7. Do you have His power in you as a Believer? Do you draw from it often?
21. What if we chose to simply respond to our circumstances and trials with who Jesus is, and draw from His power already within?
22. Would you achieve victory in every area of your life if you began to respond in the truth of who Jesus is vs. *who you are not*?

**Point to ponder:** Jesus is our all-powerful God who chooses to dwell in our hearts through His Holy Spirit. He has achieved victory over the enemy. You don’t have to try to overcome-He already has. Simply respond to who He is. It’s His power at work, not yours.