**Call to Victory Week 1**

Welcome to the Call to Victory series!

Video: An edited version of Official Call of Duty Advanced Warfare - Campaign Story Trailer. Get it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUysNWHffWg

This is A 10-Week Journey to enable you to Walk in Victory!

In week 1 we will be Preparing for Victory.

In week 2 we will be taking at look at how Transformation happens.

In week 3 we will be looking at what the Cross has to do with victory in our lives.

In week 4 we will be looking at how our identity affects our victory.

In week 5 we will look at the first of five big issues in our lives: Generational Curses.

In week 6 we will look at the second of five big issues in our lives: Relational Issues.

In week 7 we will look at the third of five big issues in our lives: Spiritual Errors.

In week 8 we will look at the fourth of five big issues in our lives: Sexual Sins.

In week 9 we will look at the fifth of five big issues in our lives: Addictions.

In week 10 we will end with how to Live in Victory!

So, once again, welcome to Victory Sunday!

Today is all about preparing for Victory.

Video: A clip from the matrix where Neo does not give up but rises to walk in victory!

The Bible teaches that we can and should live victorious lives.

This series will help you understand that you can walk in the victory that Christ bought on the Cross for you.

Living in victory is a life-long process – not an event!

Victory Sunday will be a launch pad into victory!

As a soldier, before we went on patrol we had a mission briefing. Here is your mission briefing:

(1) Sundays will lay a foundation for walking in victory (it is not intense inner healing. It is effective in laying foundations as part of the process of growing in God. It is not a quick-fix, but will bring significant breakthrough to launch out into the process of walking in victory).

(2) You must believe that God will bring healing and victory - we must come with expectation and faith for a supernatural work of healing and freedom – we believe that the same anointing of the Holy Spirit that rested on Jesus (Luke 4:17-21; Isaiah 61) is present with us this term to set us free.

(3) The Holy Spirit will bring things to the surface in his time - not everything will be dealt with during this time but you will receive tools and principles for dealing with things as they arise later in your Christian walk.

There are three reasons to attend Victory Sunday:

1. Build Foundations - The first goal of the Victory series is to ensure that our foundations are strong and biblical.

*He who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.* (Luke 6:47-48)

This famous building (The Leaning Tower of Pisa) in Italy is collapsing because it’s foundations were not strong enough!

There are five essential foundations for a victorious life in Acts 2:36-40:

#1 Lordship - *Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both* ***Lord*** *and Christ.* (Acts 2:36)

#2 Repentance - *When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "****Repent*** *and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."* (Acts 2:37,38a)

#3 Baptism - *Peter replied, "Repent and* ***be baptized****, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."* (Acts 2:38a)

#4 Holy Spirit - *And you will receive the gift of the* ***Holy Spirit****. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-for all whom the Lord our God will call.* (Acts 2:38b-39)

#5 Church - *Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were* ***added to their number*** *that day.* (Acts 2:41)

2. Discover Freedom - the second reason you should be a part of this series is that you will discover how to walk in freedom.

Freedom is the power to do what is right, not the right to do what we want!

Often we want to do right, but we are in bondage to what is wrong.

Jesus promised spiritual freedom: “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Luke 6:47-48)

So why are you still in prison, when Jesus has broken you out?

You will gain freedom from the big five areas that we have identified: Generational curses, Relational issues, Spiritual errors, Sexual sins and Addiction.

3. Become Fruitful. The third reason to be a part of this series is to become fruitful as a follower of Jesus!

Jesus said: *This is to my father’s glory – that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* (John 15:8)

Jesus said: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19) - When followers become fishermen they fulfill their destiny!

What’s next? Work through the Preparing for Victory Booklet this week – from Monday to Thursday – there is a page for each day!

Let’s pray!

Next week we will look at how transformation happens in our lives..