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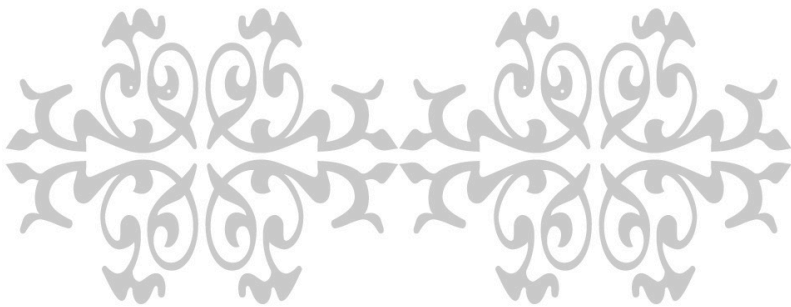


Introduction

If Jesus paid the ultimate price on the cross to purchase our victory over sin, Satan, and sickness, why do Christians seem to live in defeat? Maybe it's because we don't know that it is possible to live in victory, or we don't believe that Jesus can help us walk in victory or maybe there are things that are holding us back from experiencing victory.

That's why we have designed this Victory Sunday experience for you. To prepare for it there are four things you must do this week: get desperate for God, get closer to God, get clean before God and get power from God. You must set aside some time each day this week to work through this book – from Monday to Thursday.

But before you start you need to know that the devil is not happy! He does not want you to walk in victory, so he does not want you to attend Victory Sunday so he is going to do everything in his power to mess with your life this week. Just knowing that he is going to attack will help you deal with whatever he will try and throw at you. God is with you and will get you through it!



What happened when Ananias laid hands on Saul? Acts 9:17

What happened when Peter preached to Cornelius and his family? Acts 10:44-47

What happened when Paul laid hands on the disciples in Ephesus? Acts 19:1-2, 6-7

What did Jesus say about the Holy Spirit? Luke 11:13

Take Action

If you have never experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of hands, then spend some time praying that it will happen on the weekend. If you have been walking in God's power already, then pray that God will increase the measure of His power in your life during the coming weekend.



Wrap Up

Well done on completing all four sections. Now you can spend some time praying about the future. Ask God to meet you and to lead you deeper into living a victorious life. Remember that the devil is unhappy with you – don't let your guard down – no matter what happens, get to each of the sessions!



Thursday: Get Power From God

In the Old Testament, God's Spirit empowered certain people to do special miracles. Here are some examples of people who were empowered by God in the Old Testament: Moses' miracles before Pharaoh, Samson's super human strength and Daniel's prophetic dream interpretation. In the New Testament, Jesus promised not only occasional spiritual power, but a constant indwelling of the Holy Spirit in each believer.

What do these verses teach us about the Holy Spirit?

John 14:26 _____

John 16:7 _____

John 16:13 _____

John 16:14-15 _____

What happens when the Holy Spirit comes on a follower of Jesus Christ? Acts 1:8

What was Peter like before he was filled with the Holy Spirit? John 18:25-27

What was Peter like after he was filled with the Holy Spirit? Acts 4:8-13

What happened when the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:1-4

Is the promise of the Holy Spirit relevant for us today? Acts 2:39



Monday: Get Desperate For God

If we really want God's best, we can't just dabble in spiritual things. We have to seek God with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength. Many times in Scripture, when God's people became desperate for a deep spiritual encounter, they had a time of consecration and devotion – seeking God with all their heart! This was called consecration – which is the act of setting something apart for God's use.

* What does Leviticus 11:44 tell us to do?

* How do we consecrate ourselves to God?

Romans 6:13-14

2 Chronicles 29:4-5

* What does consecration prepare us for?

Joshua 3:5

Ezra 7:10

Acts 2:42

Acts 18:5

Take Action:

Write out a prayer that expresses your desire to encounter God as you prepare for Victory Sunday!!! Tell God how you are desperate to encounter Him this weekend



Tuesday: Get Closer To God

Fasting is one thing that we can do to consecrate ourselves to God. It is different from dieting because its purpose is to get closer to God and not to lose weight. It is not a hunger strike because we are not forcing God to do anything! True fasting releases spiritual power in our lives as we spend time in God's presence.

What did Jesus teach about fasting?

Matthew 6:16 _____

Matthew 6:17-18 _____

What are some of the results of fasting?

Isaiah 58:6 _____

Isaiah 58:7 _____

Isaiah 58:9 _____

Isaiah 58:10 _____

Isaiah 58:11 _____

Take Action

Set aside one day this week as a day of fasting. Consider missing at least two meals – ie. Breakfast and lunch and spend that time in prayer instead. You might like to fast from something other than food for the day, i.e. TV or ??? – and then spend the time you save with God by reading the Bible and praying. Write down in this space details of your fast this week:

When I fasted: _____

What I fasted from: _____

What it meant to me: _____



Wednesday: Get Clean Before God

Some people keep and store all kinds of useless junk. Others follow the “when it doubt, throw it out” policy. When it comes to our spiritual lives, especially past sins and bad habits, we must follow the “throw it out” rule, constantly getting rid of everything that hinders our spiritual progress.

What must we get rid of? Hebrews 12:1

What hinders our walk with God and what must we do about it?

What do the following passages tell us to get rid of?

Ephesians 4:31 _____

James 1:21 _____

Ezekiel 20:7 _____

Read Acts 19:17-20

What did the believers do? (18) _____

What did those who practised sorcery do? (19) _____

What was the result of their getting rid of the junk? (20) _____

Take Action

Spend time in confession asking God to help you remember anything that you need to ask forgiveness for. Then go through your room and ask God what He wants you to get rid of. It may be magazines, books, movies, pictures, or anything that is connected to the dark side in any way. Write down in this space what you got rid of:
