**Victory Series Session 7**

Welcome to the Victory Series. As usual we start with a video.

Video: Battlefield Capture the Flag. Get it on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK5f7az5dIY

Over five weeks we have the following targets to destroy: Generational Curses, Relational Issues, Spiritual Errors, Sexual Sins and Addictions.

Last Week we looked at the fourth of five big issues in our lives: Spiritual Errors.

This Week we are going to look at the fourth of five big issues in our lives: Sexual Sins.

We live in a sexual minefield! Here are some issues that are traps in the area of sexuality…

\* Sexting Messages

\* Sharing Explicit Images

\* Fantasizing

\* Watching Pornography

\* Masturbating

\* Peeping

\* Flirting

\* Lesbian Relationships

\* Homosexual Relatonships

\* Sex Before Marriage

\* Abortion

Why are we vulnerable to attack?

\* We Need for Love

\* We Have Strong Passions

\* We Face Peer Pressure

\* We Feel Lonely

\* We Are Media Influenced

\* We Have Evil Desires

But we don’t have to be slaves to lust!

The Bible says: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength". (Philippians 4:13)

There are 2 Keys to Victory in the area of your sexuality:

**1. Make Boundaries.** How do you do this?

A. Avoid Immoral Situations

*You spent enough time in the past doing what unbelievers like to do. You were promiscuous, had sinful desires, got drunk and went to wild parties.* (1 Peter 4:3-5)

B. Have Godly Relationships

*Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.* (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

C. Make a Covenant With Your Eyes

*I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.* (Job 31:1)

D. Walk in Accountability

*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.* (James 5:16)

**2. Renew Your Mind.** How do you renew your mind?

A. Accept God’s Standards

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for Gods holy people.* (Ephesians 5:3).

B. Guard Your Heart. *Guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.* (Proverbs 4:23).

*For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony and slander.* (Matthew 15:19)

C. Believe Victory is Possible

*No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.* (1 Corinthians 10:13)

D. Fill Your Mind With God’s Word

*How can a young person keep their way pure? By living according to your word. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.* (Psalm 119:9,11)

**Handout:** Spend a few minutes completing the Sexual Sins Handout.

**Prayer! The Process of Deliverance.** To experience freedom in the area of sexual sins we are going to pray through the process of deliverance: (1) The first step to victory is to **Recognise** any issue that God has brought to your attention that you need to deal with. (2) The second step is **Repent** – where you commit to turn your back on the issue, choose to renew your mind and ask God to help you think differently about it. (3) The third step is to **Renounce** – which means to fall out of agreement with the issue and renounce its power over your life. If it is a curse you fall out of agreement with the curse and you renounce its power to operate in your life, you renounce its power to operate in your children’s life - when you have them one day - and the generations to come. If it is sin you have been involved in, you renounce the power of that sin. You close the door on the enemy - he does not have a hold on you anymore! The enemy no longer has authority to operate in your life in the area. (4) The fourth step is **Rebuke** – when we rebuke the evil one, any demonic spirit that is associated with the issue has to leave – there is no shouting - it just has to go because you have taken its authority away. (5) The fifth step is **Receive** – where you now ask God to replace what has been taken away with his blessing and grace. Where there was unforgiveness and bitterness you pray to receive God’s grace to forgive; where there was a curse you receive the Lord’s blessing to replace the curse – we speak and announce the blessings of God in areas of poverty for example.

Prayer

As a sign that you have been set free from sexual sins you need to crumple up your personal profile and come and place them in the helmet on the stage and we will destroy them for you!

In the next session we will be looking at the fifth big issues in our lives: Addictions.