**Victory Series Session 8**

This is week 8 of the Victory Series and as usual we start with a video clip.

Video: Battlefield Are You Ready? Get it on YouTube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uGmR-1izM0

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

Last week we looked at the fourth of five big issues in our lives: Sexual Sins.

This week we are going to look at the last of five big issues in our lives: Addictions.

Video: Cellphone Addiction. Get it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSVnqXoqq3Y

What is addiction? Think about the video for a while – what did you learn about addiction from watching it?

Here are some images that could represent addictions in our lives…

\* Ice-cream

\* Facebooking

\* Eating

\* Sport

\* Shopping

\* Glamour

\* Gaming

\* TV

\* Smoking

\* Drinking

\* Drugs

\* Gambling

So, what is addiction?

**1. Addiction is Bondage.** A man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. (2 Peter 2:19)

**2. Addiction is Slavery.** We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. (Romans 7:14)

But here is the good news, addictions can be broken!

**1. The Grace of God.** The grace of God brings forgiveness if we fall AND power to keep us from falling! “The grace of God teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and to live godly lives in this present age.” (Titus 2:11-12)

**2. Confession and Prayer.** To walk in freedom we must confess our sins and pray for each other. “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16)

**3. Surrender to God.** Our victory ultimately depends on our relationship with God so we need to submit to him! “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.“ (James 4:7)

**4. Holy Spirit Filling.** When we empty ourselves from sin we must be filled with the Holy Spirit daily. “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

**Handout:** Spend a few minutes completing the Addictions Handout.

**Prayer: The Process of Deliverance.** To experience freedom from addictions 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.

As a sign that you have been set free from addictions 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!

Prayer

Next Week we will end our Victory Series as we look at how to keep living in victory!