



“Victims or Victors”

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Exodus 3:14-22

V. 15 – God wants us to know that He is the covenant God. This is His name forever. This is how He wants all generations to remember and to know Him as.

The God who keeps His promises! The God that cares about His children.

You might say: What do the promises of Abraham have to do with me?

Galations 3:29, 4:4-7 – In Christ we are heirs to the promises that were made to Abraham long ago. Those covenants are ours as well.

Hebrews 13:8 – We know that God’s promises were fulfilled through Jesus Christ. They were true yesterday, they are true today, and they will still be true tomorrow. We can stand on the promises of God!

V. 16 – Tell My people that I care about them

V. 17 – **God says:** I know you have been down, I know it's been rough. But in the midst of your troubles, in the midst of your despair... I will bring you up and I will bring you out!

Your land that you see now is dry, dark, constraining, hard, painful, purpose-less... but stick with Me!

You see the problem, but God says He is the Solution!!

You see dry land today, but you can't see tomorrow.
God sees MILK & HONEY!

While you're busy begging for drops of water, begging for crumbs...
God's promising milk and honey. Not in small segments, but that it will be **FLOWING!!**

God doesn't want to give you a better life... but **LIFE OVERFLOWING!**

“But God, what do we say to those who stand against us? What should I say to those who just won't accept it and oppose us?”

V. 18 – “You tell them that God has met with you!!”

You see it doesn't matter if the whole wide world laughs at you, mocks you, or is standing in opposition to you and what God has shown you!

GOD HAS SPOKEN TO YOU!!

Once God has truly spoken to you, nothing else matters!

You don't have to be a VICTIM anymore...
God has met with you... You can be a VICTOR!!

Illustration:

You know a man listened to a live football game on the radio. His favorite team was playing and they won. He was so excited. Then, later in the day the game was going to be shown on TV. So he decided to watch the re-play of the game, even though he already heard the whole thing earlier.

Now when he sees that his team has a fumble, or the QB throws and interception, he isn't too upset. He knows it's only a minor setback. He already knows who wins at the end. When it's all said and done... His team wins. How foolish would it be for the man who already knows the victory is coming, and still get have a losing attitude watching the game?

You know, as Christians, we do this same thing. We've read the Bible. We know that God wins in the end. We know that we get to go to Heaven with Jesus, and the Bible says the victory is already won. And yet, here we are beating ourselves up because of a little fumble. You need to pick yourself up! Stop living a losing life when Jesus has already won!!

2 Peter 2:21 – What a shame! To know the victory and still live in defeat

Too many people that know the final score have already given up began rooting for the other team and started living for the world.

1 John 2:15-17 – But the opposing team isn't going to last. Stop living your life like someone who is losing! Stop living like a victim!!

John 16:33 – Get some peace about you! You're getting stressed out about a dropped ball, when you already know the final score – Victory!

Jesus doesn't say that He is going to overcome the world, He says that He already has overcome the world!

Luke 9:25 – Some have decided to root for the other team and start living like they belong to the Chicago Bears, or the Minnesota Vikings. If you gain everything and everyone on the other team but ignore your home team – in the end... you've just gained a whole lot of LOSS!

Stop laying down for the world. Stop living a defeated life! Stop letting a losing team steal your victory. Be a VICTOR and not a victim.

Illustration:

Saturday Night Live had an on-going skit called “The Super Fans”. They were a bunch of overweight Chicago Bears fans, and no matter how bad the Bears were doing, they were the most loyal fans anyways. They were never victims. They would shout “Da Bears”

They didn't mention many of the players that often, but there was someone that they never stopped talking about – Mike Ditka, the coach of the Chicago Bears.

Some of the things they would discuss were totally ridiculous, but they always rooted for their team “Da Bears” Even if it seemed their team was never going to win a game, they always obsessively rooted for them. They did this because they had something called faith. Not faith in a losing team, but faith in a victorious Coach!

One time a ridiculous question was asked: “What if the entire team of the Dallas Cowboys went against Mike Ditka by himself? Who would win?” And we all watched and laughed because it was so stupid and absurd. But they all had so much faith in the Coach that they predicted his victory in the midst of the worst of circumstances. When asked who would win, one Super Fan said it all “Ditka by six!”

You might see a losing team, but that man saw a victorious Coach! You know, we too have a winning Coach. Even if the whole world is teaming up against Him, He still has the victory!

Romans 8:31 – “If God is for us, who can stand against us?”

I love how the message puts it...

“With God on our side like this, how can we lose?”

1 John 4:4 – God is greater than the whole other team!!

So my question to you today is: How can you live more like a VICTOR instead of a victim?

The battle is already won; the victory is ours through Jesus Christ, our Heavenly Quarter Back. Our biggest responsibility is to make sure that we know the Coach well enough to know where He wants us. If you want to be an impact player, you need to know where the Coach wants you to be on the field! So that we are exactly where He wants us to be, so that we might be able to receive, and not miss what He has in store for us!

and our Coach is one that is more deserving of faith and loyalty than Mike Ditka. With God on our side, why would we act like victims? We are truly VICTORS in Christ!



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