

“Victory In Jesus”

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Let us consider Paul the Apostle. Before receiving Christ as Savior and Lord he was well educated and a well-respected up-and-coming leader in Jerusalem’s religious society. After becoming a Christian he was beaten on many occasions, ran for his life regularly, spent years on end in prison, and eventually was martyred for his faith in Jesus.

Using the world’s mindset Paul would not be considered victorious, but let us look at Paul’s example through “Bible-colored glasses.” Paul tells us to:

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction . . . But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. 2 Tim 4:2,5-6NIV

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Paul’s life and exhortation was one of function. Preach, be prepared, correct, rebuke, encourage, endure, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. Look at all of the verbs he uses. Anyone, no matter their role in the Kingdom, can follow this advise. Doing so we can have victory in Christ.

You see, victory is not necessarily becoming the next Billy Graham or Michael W. Smith. Victory is obeying God’s word and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father has a particular “job” for each of us to do. Follow Paul’s instruction and you will find the peace with God and victory that Paul had. Victory in Christ!



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“Where The Seed Is Planted”

(Teaching Sketch)

Luke 8: 4-15 (NIV)

Those who heard the voice of Jesus, when he told the “Parable of the Sower” were actually hearing several layers of understanding the scriptures.



by unbelievers
• On good soil - yields a hundredfold crop, 1) watered 2) encouraged 3) nourished.

Have You Ears?

Do you have ears? Are you able to listen and are you teachable? Do you do what you hear is to be done? Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, (regular exposure to the Word)!

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Notice, Jesus told the story of the sowing to everyone present and set in motion the opportunity to cover any spiritual location of his listeners.

Where Seed Falls

A seed has little or no ability to determine where it falls and, therefore, is planted. The outcome of a seed and its germination are dependent upon where it is planted.

Insight as to the challenges of life can be seen in the examples of what Jesus said happens to a non-husbanded seed.

- Along path—trampled & eaten by birds of air
- On rock - withered no moisture, no baptism
- Among thorns - choked

His Disciples Asked

The secrets are yours if you will ask for them to be revealed to you. “Draw near to God and he will draw near to



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you,” the scripture assures us. “Ask and you will receive,”

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Scripture:

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⁴While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “ ‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’^[a] ¹¹“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹²Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so

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that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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we are promised, so if you have, like the disciples the desire to know from God ask and then listen closely to his response. Jesus did not hesitate to explain the meaning of his words. He even explained, “The knowledge of the secrets of the “Kingdom of God” have been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ‘though seeing, they may not see though hearing, they may not understand.’”

True understanding comes via a regularly cultivated relation-

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ship with Christ. You have been given the gift of understanding if you are a believer (one who trusts in, relies on Jesus the Christ).

Your Soil is the Key

You have control over yourself and what you allow to grow in you. Your soil is your choice. The quality of your seed will depend upon how you nourish it with the Word.

What Seeds Do you Pant?

Jesus made it clear that a seed that survives the knocks of life yields a harvest.

Notice here the word “yields.” When we produce, we must yield or give away (gift) some of ourselves to produce seeds that will, in turn, grow healthily and in turn, produce a hundredfold crop.

Reaping is a reward of blessing as a good and faithful servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Grow, go, plant, and raise the crop of Christ!



Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal fellowship & sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise, Worship, & Offerings:** (*Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship*)

Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during “Praise & Worship.” (other times as the Spirit moves)
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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