



# 1<sup>st</sup> John

## Part 5 - Walk in Victory

Sermon Recap

### Conversation Starters:

- How do you define “Victory?” (What do you think is indicative of victory?)
- How does God define victory as it relates to you personally?
- What do you think is the “most important” victory for one to faithfully live out? (Is that victory the predominant priority you’re living out? If not why? If so, how?)

**Ask your group members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what stood out to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If your members have a hard time remembering, share your notes and favorite points.**

### Reflect:

1.) Read [1st John 4:17](#) NLT - Pastor Jason said when we walk in victory there is evidence of victory in our lives. Christ has already given us victory. But are we really walking in victory? Pastor Jason shared four ways in which victory is indicated in our lives:

I have **Confidence** instead of **Fear**. - [1st John 4:17-19](#) NIV

I have **Honesty** in place of **Hiding**. - [1st John 4:20-21](#) NIV

I have **Joyful Obedience** in place of **Rule Following**. - [1st John 5:1-3](#) NIV

I have **Victory** that **Overcomes** the world. - [1st John 5:4-5](#) NIV, [John 5:39](#) NLT, [Mat 11:28-29](#) NIV

Share your thoughts about each of the four evidences of victory.

**Has each of the four evidences of victory proven true in your life? Is each of the four evidences of victory remaining true in your life? If not, what do you think is in the way? What's your next corrective move and when?**

2.) Pastor Jason shared five certainties for the Children of God:

Jesus **IS GOD** - [1st John 5:6-10](#) NIV | I have **Eternal Life** - [1st John 5:11-13](#) NIV | God **Answers Prayers** - [1st John 5:14-15](#) NIV | I am not a **Slave to Sin** - [1st John 5:16-19](#) NIV | Life in Christ is **Real Life** - [1st John 5:20-21](#) PH

Share what each certainty means to you. **Which certainties do you connect with the most? Which have barriers for you? What are those barriers and how can you overcome them?**

“Salvation is not a feeling, it’s a fact.” (Share how this truth speaks to you)



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### Apply It:

Christ has given all of us victory through his redemptive work on the cross. Restoration between man and God is finished. Sin is defined as anything that “misses” the Will of God. To walk in victory is to walk in the Will of God. Identify any area in your life where you’re not aligned with God. Follow the directions of His Word and change your direction. There is power in confession. Confess where you are, ask God’s forgiveness in that area, and take strides to reach the destinations God would have you reach. Serving God is not about a religion, it’s about a relationship. Draw closer to God each day so you can walk in the victory He’s already provided.

### Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer:

**Ask your group members if they have a prayer request. Write them down and continue to pray for them during the week:**

Lord, You were providing for us before we were ever born. You knew what we needed before we ever had any concept of right or wrong. You paid the debt for our redemption that none of us could have ever paid. To sin is for us to miss the mark of Your Will. We’ve been taught today that there is sin that leads to death and there is sin that doesn’t. Repented sin leads to life, while habitual un-repented sin sears our conscience and leads to death. Search us Lord God so we may confess every un-repented sin in our lives. May we always have an intimate awareness of Your Will Lord God so we can draw closer to Your Ways, Will and Word. May we always feel a deep conviction of Your Spirit upon us so we can live Real Lives of Truth, in Victory, and in alignment with You. Keep us in Your loving hands forever Father and lead us in life so we can walk in the victory You’ve already given us, in Christ we pray, amen.