

VICTORY OVER OUR PAST PART II

GOD WANTS YOU TO WALK IN VICTORY!

But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT

³⁵ *Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Romans 8:35-37 NLT*

Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.

²⁰ *My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. ²¹ Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, ²² for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. ²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Proverbs 4:20-23 NLT*

VICTORY OVER OUR PAST IS A MATTER OF THE HEART.

VICTORY OVER GENERATIONAL SINS.

Generational sins are weaknesses or tendencies that are handed down to us through the generations from parents or members of our family. These sins can involve behavioral patterns and ways of thinking that keep us trapped in the past. Even though sin can be passed down through the generations, each person is responsible for his or her personal sins against the Lord.

Abram lies

¹⁰ *At that time a severe famine struck the land of Canaan, forcing Abram to go down to Egypt, where he lived as a foreigner. ¹¹ As he was approaching the border of Egypt, Abram said to his wife, Sarai, "Look, you are a very beautiful woman. ¹² When the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife. Let's kill him; then we can have her!' ¹³ So please tell them you are my sister. Then they will spare my life and treat me well because of their interest in you." ¹⁴ And sure enough, when Abram arrived in Egypt, everyone noticed Sarai's beauty. ¹⁵ When the palace officials saw her, they sang her praises to Pharaoh, their king, and Sarai was taken into his palace. ¹⁶ Then Pharaoh gave Abram many gifts because of her—sheep, goats, cattle, male and female donkeys, male and female servants, and camels. ¹⁷ But the Lord sent terrible plagues upon Pharaoh and his household because of Sarai, Abram's*

wife. ¹⁸ So Pharaoh summoned Abram and accused him sharply. "What have you done to me?" he demanded. "Why didn't you tell me she was your wife? ¹⁹ Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' and allow me to take her as my wife? Now then, here is your wife. Take her and get out of here!" ²⁰ Pharaoh ordered some of his men to escort them, and he sent Abram out of the country, along with his wife and all his possessions.

Genesis 12:10-20 NLT

Isaac lies

⁷ *When the men who lived there asked Isaac about his wife, Rebekah, he said, "She is my sister." He was afraid to say, "She is my wife." He thought, "They will kill me to get her, because she is so beautiful." ⁸ But some time later, Abimelech, king of the Philistines, looked out his window and saw Isaac caressing Rebekah. ⁹ Immediately, Abimelech called for Isaac and exclaimed, "She is obviously your wife! Why did you say, 'She is my sister'?" "Because I was afraid someone would kill me to get her from me," Isaac replied. ¹⁰ "How could you do this to us?" Abimelech exclaimed. "One of my people might easily have taken your wife and slept with her, and you would have made us guilty of great sin." ¹¹ Then Abimelech issued a public proclamation: "Anyone who touches this man or his wife will be put to death!"*

Genesis 26:7-11 NLT

In Genesis 27 we see Jacob lie to Isaac and steal Esau's birthright with Rebekah's help.

¹⁸ *So Jacob took the food to his father. "My father?" he said. "Yes, my son," Isaac answered. "Who are you—Esau or Jacob?" ¹⁹ Jacob replied, "It's Esau, your firstborn son. I've done as you told me. Here is the wild game. Now sit up and eat it so you can give me your blessing." ²⁰ Isaac asked, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God put it in my path!" Jacob replied. Genesis 27:18-20 NLT*

- **Lying had been modeled.**
- **Lying had been passed down.**

³⁰ *"Therefore, I will judge each of you, O people of Israel, according to your actions, says the Sovereign Lord. Repent, and turn from your sins. Don't let them destroy you! ³¹ Put all your rebellion behind you and find yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel? ³² I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live! Ezekiel 18:30-32 NLT*

STEPS TO VICTORY OVER GENERATIONAL SINS:

- 1. REMIND YOURSELF WHOSE YOU ARE.
Faith in the Son of God**

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. ² We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. ³ Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. **1 John 5:1-5 NLT**

2. REMIND YOURSELF WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **John 3:16-17 NLT**

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. **Romans 5:1-2 NLT**

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. **Romans 5:8 NLT**

3. REMIND YOURSELF HOW SATAN WORKS.

⁴² Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, because I have come to you from God. I am not here on my own, but he sent me. ⁴³ Why can't you understand what I am saying? It's because you can't even hear me! ⁴⁴ For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies." **John 8:42-44 NLT**

Lie: This world is too wicked and scary for you to ever find happiness or peace.

The truth: Fear seems to be one of Satan's favorite tools in these latter days. Even when things are hard, even when they're *really* hard, God's plan provides hope and joy.

Lie: Confessing your sins will only hurt the people you love. To spare them that pain, you must keep it a secret.

The truth: With this lie, the great deceiver is trying to get you to pass on his handiwork—deception—to those closest to you. Don't listen to him for a second.

VICTORY BEGINS WITH A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS.

- Understanding the Gospel is key to us healing from past issues.

Next Steps for me today...

- Have a life-changing encounter with Christ today by faith in Him alone.
- Allow the Word of God to reveal the deep heart issues you need to confess and repent of right now.
- Join a Life Group with other believers and learn from them.