

## WE ARE NO LONGER VICTIMS

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*When we took up God's offer to live forever by receiving the anointing of the spirit; we also agreed to take responsibility for our own actions. We are also taught that our relationship with God is dependant upon our willingness to be proactive in our life style. This means that we can no longer act as victims of human weakness and other outside circumstances... we need to act and plan accordingly. God has given us the spirit, so we can be led and directed onto the paths of truth and righteousness (John 16:3). We might be subject to the ebb and flow of human failings, but we are not bound nor made powerless by them any longer.*

**God has given us freedom... we are empowered to choose our own responses to life.**

**JOH 8:32** And ye shall know the **truth** (an ability to learn), and the **truth** (obedience) shall make you **free**.

**ROM 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me **free** from the law of sin and death. *We are free to restore ourselves in a way that is impossible for those who don't have or use the holy spirit.*

**God has given us useable knowledge and encouragement.**

**LUK 1:77** To give **knowledge of salvation** unto his people by the remission of their sins, **78** Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, **79** To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the **shadow of death**, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *We need to allow God to direct us... we need to take ownership of our lives. Unfortunately, if we reject personal responsibility, we also reject the ways of God. We are not to have a victim mentality... victims end up spiritually dysfunctional.*

**PSA 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the **shadow of death**, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy **rod** (guidance) and thy **staff** (support) they comfort me. *God doesn't want us to feel helpless or victimized. That's why he gave us a rod and staff. We are given a sense of control, also we know that he is in us; we don't allow ourselves to be controlled by events that risk holding back blessing or growth potential.*

**We are not to be victims ... we have to forgive; the most important of all spiritual exercises.**

**MAR 11:26** But if ye do not **forgive**, neither will your Father which is in heaven **forgive** your trespasses. *Withholding forgiveness is no different than you drinking poison and expecting the offender to die. Lack of forgiveness enslaves the victim while having no impact on the injuring party at all. Alternatively, forgiveness frees us from the painful burden of living past pains over and over again. Forgiveness of others gives us more freedom than all other services collectively. True peace only comes to those who know how to forgive others.*

**We are not to be loners... they are victims of their ego, pride or fear. God set us free to serve others.**

**GAL 5:13** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**. *We are called to serve... to deliver others from their victimhood and to allow ourselves to be equally delivered on a daily basis.*

**ECC 4:9** Two are better than one; because they have a good **reward** (a better blessing) for their labour. **10** For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up. *God's kingdom is built on a committed family network... on untiring teamwork.*

**When we hear what we don't want to hear (both good or bad)... it is always your choice how you respond.**

**HEB 12:11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. **12** Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; *You have no power over what is said to you, but you have power on how you respond. You will be set free or judged by the choices you make... not the choices that others make. You are what you choose to be. Every scriptural principle comes with a choice... obey or deny.*

**God desires you to be free from being a victim more so than you do.... He also provides power to do so.**

**EPH 3:20** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, **according to his power that is at work within us**, *Victims never get much from their Godly walk; blaming others is too easy.*

**ISA 40:29** He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. **30** Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: **31** But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint. *God's salvation is much more encompassing than you might think... you never need to be a victim again, as long as you live. Neither do any of your family or friends.*