

Verses of Victory: Meeting God in Victory Through the Word

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This week, give God 15 minutes each weekday to carefully explore one **"verse of victory"** each day. Do three things with each verse:

- 1) **Memorize it.** Read it over and over slowly. Consider its meaning. Commit it to memory so that you can **quote** it, **reflect** on it each day, and **apply** it into your daily situations.
- 2) **Reflect on it.** What does it say to you? What should you **feel/perceive** differently? What should you **believe**? How should you **think** differently as a result? What should you specifically **do**?

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart [feel/perceive] and with all your soul [believe] and with all your mind [think] and with all your strength [do]."

Mark 12:30

- 3) **Pray it.** Convert the promise of God contained in the verse into a prayer calling upon His promise to be fulfilled. **Exercise faith** for His Word to be fulfilled in your life and in the lives of others.

Pro Tip: *Some may struggle to immediately see a "promise" contained in every verse. Remember that each phrase in the Bible was carefully and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit. Because it is inspired by God, the truth contained in this verse is a promise in the sense that if applied faithfully into our lives, the results demonstrated can be fully trusted to become our reality.*

Each day this week, **memorize**, **reflect**, and **pray** these verses:

- **Monday:** 1 John 1:7 **Acknowledge** God
- **Tuesday:** 1 John 1:9 **Agree** with God
- **Wednesday:** Acts 3:19 **Align** with God
- **Thursday:** Hebrews 4:16 **Approach** God **Believing**
- **Friday:** Hebrews 4:10 **Abide** with God

Monday: When we "walk in the light," we open ourselves up to God's revelation in our lives. We learn to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. We **acknowledge** what God sees about us to be true. We stop hiding, pretending, rationalizing, or justifying our behavior. As a result, He promises to cleanse us of our sin in real time—according to the tense of the word used for "purifies" in this verse, His cleansing is present, active, and ongoing!

<p>1 John 1:7 – "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."</p>	<p>Feel/Perceive <i>(Love the Lord with all your heart):</i> If I see myself, my identity, and my behavior as God sees it, how should I feel different? How should I perceive myself?</p>
<p>Pray for yourself: "God, reveal truth to me about myself, my identity, my situation, my sins. Help me to stop hiding, pretending, or rationalizing about my sins. I acknowledge your truth. I receive the promise of you purifying me in a present tense, ongoing manner. Thank you for cleansing me!"</p> <p><i>Expand on these thoughts in your own words!</i></p>	<p>Believe <i>(Love the Lord with all your soul):</i> Based on the Lord's revelation, what is true about me, my sin, my circumstances? What will occur in the spiritual realm as a result of God's activity? What is God's activity?</p>
<p>Pray for others: "God, reveal truth to _____; help them to turn their heart and mind to you and accept the truth. Remove the blindness the enemy has put over their hearts. Purify their sins and make them right with you!"</p>	<p>Think <i>(Love the Lord with all your mind):</i> What thoughts, ideas, ideologies, opinions, and viewpoints should be different if I accept God's revelation on matters that I care about?</p>
<p>Other verses to consider: Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1-9; John 3:19-21; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6</p>	<p>Do <i>(Love the Lord with all your strength):</i> What behaviors should I consider engaging as a result of being purified by God?</p>

Tuesday: When we "confess our sins to God," we **agree** with God about the full nature of our sins. We are not "cataloging" our sins—we are not making a list for Him as if He does not know what we have done. Rather, we are understanding, embracing, and agreeing with God's view of our situation in open, vulnerable conversation with Him.

<p>1 John 1:9 – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."</p>	<p>Feel/Perceive <i>(Love the Lord with all your heart):</i> If I trust God to totally forgive and cleanse me, how should I perceive myself and God differently? Is it easier for me to agree with Him if I perceive He is for me and not against me, that He has cleansed me already? Should I feel less shame and guilt?</p>
<p>Pray for yourself: "God, help me to fully understand and embrace your viewpoint of my life, my situations, my sins. Help me to come into full agreement with you about these things—to see them as you see them. I choose to lay aside my own will and thoughts about this and choose to see it all your way. I agree you are right, and I receive your forgiveness. Make me pure as you promise to do. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness."</p> <p><i>Expand on these thoughts in your own words!</i></p>	<p>Believe <i>(Love the Lord with all your soul):</i> Do I fully believe and agree with God about the nature of my sins? Or am I still somewhere deep down believing that I am justified in my behavior? Do I fully trust Him to forgive my sin?</p>
<p>Pray for others: "God, lead _____ to recognize you as right. Lead them to embrace your forgiveness and to trust you to be changed!"</p>	<p>Think <i>(Love the Lord with all your mind):</i> What do I need to change my mind about in regard to sin? Where do I intellectually disagree with God's commands?</p>
<p>Other verses to consider: Psalm 32:1-5; Psalm 38:18; Romans 10:9-13; James 5:16</p>	<p>Do <i>(Love the Lord with all your strength):</i> What behavior needs to actually change? What do I need to do differently to live as God wants?</p>

Wednesday: When we “repent,” we change our mind about a circumstance, behavior, idea, or belief. We choose to think differently—to think as God thinks. Not only do we agree with God’s view as we learned to do yesterday, we also *align* ourselves with God in how we think, feel, perceive, believe, and behave.

<p>Acts 3:19 – “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, and that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”</p>	<p>Feel/Perceive <i>(Love the Lord with all your heart):</i> What do I “feel” is right that actually is not? That I need to surrender and accept is indeed not truthful? Are there ideas and attitudes of my heart that are not rooted in God’s truth that I need to surrender to Him?</p>
<p>Pray for yourself: “God, lead me with your kindness and grace to own the reality of my sin. Lead me and help me to change my mind. I choose right now to believe your ways are right, and I choose to think differently about my sin. I surrender to your leading and your righteousness. Cleanse me and make me whole!” <i>Expand on these thoughts in your own words!</i></p>	<p>Believe <i>(Love the Lord with all your soul):</i> Do I trust God that as I change my mind on a matter of sin—and choose to surrender it to Him—that He will provide me a refreshing joy? Or do I believe I will be empty and sorrowful if I give up my sin?</p>
<p>Pray for others: “God, draw _____ to yourself. Lead them to embrace truth. Open eyes the enemy has blinded and lead them to repentance. Lead them to change their thinking and consider your ways as right. Help them to surrender and choose you as their Lord!”</p>	<p>Think <i>(Love the Lord with all your mind):</i> What thoughts, ideas, ideologies, opinions, and viewpoints do I need to change my mind about to be in alignment with God?</p>
<p>Other verses to consider: Acts 2:38; Romans 2:4; Romans 12:2</p>	<p>Do <i>(Love the Lord with all your strength):</i> To live in full alignment with God, what behaviors do I need to stop? What behaviors do I need to start?</p>

Thursday: When we “approach the throne of grace with confidence,” we *approach* the fullness of God *believing* properly. We don’t just mindlessly skip into His presence, but rather we step towards Him with a full understanding of the “fair trade” (our sins / His life) that He has made on the cross. We approach with confidence in His mercy and grace, and we do so thankfully, boldly, and joyfully.

<p>Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”</p>	<p>Feel/Perceive <i>(Love the Lord with all your heart):</i> When I think of approaching God, what are the emotions that I experience? Do I feel shame? Fear? Do I feel like He has disdain for me? What should I feel, according to scripture?</p>
<p>Pray for yourself: “God, help me to see the full weight of my sin so that I do not simplistically skip over it, but also to see the full power of your sacrifice for my sin on the cross. Help me to step into your presence with bold confidence and joy. I choose to trust you for your complete and unconditional mercy” <i>Expand on these thoughts in your own words!</i></p>	<p>Believe <i>(Love the Lord with all your soul):</i> Do I truly believe that the cross was sufficient to fully address all the realities of my sin?</p>
<p>Pray for others: “God, help _____ to have faith in how much you love them. Reveal faith to them. Draw them into your presence with confidence; reveal to them that are welcome with you because of Jesus.”</p>	<p>Think <i>(Love the Lord with all your mind):</i> What do I <i>think</i> God believes about me? According to <i>scripture</i>, what does God believe about me? And how is that different from what I actually think? What do I need to change in my mind?</p>
<p>Other verses to consider: John 1:12; Hebrews 2:17-18; Hebrews 4:14-16</p>	<p>Do <i>(Love the Lord with all your strength):</i> What actual activities of approaching God do I need to engage? Worship? Quiet prayer? Joyful thanksgiving? Contemplation? Reflection?</p>

Friday: When we “enter God’s rest,” we no longer try to manage or improve our behavior solely by an effort of our will. We rest from our own work and begin to depend on God for His work of craftsmanship in our lives. We *abide* in a relationship of trust with the Holy Spirit, whom God has placed in our hearts to move us (empower us) to live in alignment with Him.

<p>Hebrews 4:10 – “For anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.”</p>	<p>Feel/Perceive <i>(Love the Lord with all your heart):</i> Do I feel a responsibility to manage my behavior towards what God wants? Is this a joyful awareness, or a heavy-laden burden of guilt and shame?</p>
<p>Pray for yourself: “God, help me to rest in your power and your work in my life to overcome sin. Help me to turn away from muscled-up, self-made behavior modification. You’ve promised the Holy Spirit to change me, so help me trust your Spirit to move me. Lead me, guide me, move me to keep your decrees, and I will follow your leadership.” <i>Expand on these thoughts in your own words!</i></p>	<p>Believe <i>(Love the Lord with all your soul):</i> What does the scripture tell me is <i>God’s role</i> is in my transformation? Do I believe He will really perform this role?</p>
<p>Pray for others: “God, help _____ to recognize the opportunity in Jesus Christ to stop striving, and to find rest in His salvation. Draw them towards yourself to be intimate with you and find power in you.”</p>	<p>Think <i>(Love the Lord with all your mind):</i> What does the scripture tell me is <i>my role</i> in my transformation? Am I thinking clearly about this? Do I have in my mind the specific steps I need to take (HINT: we’ve been laying them out all week in this study!)?</p>
<p>Other verses to consider: Ezekiel 36:26; Romans 6:1-14; Romans 8:1-14; Ephesians 2:8-10; Colossians 3:1-12</p>	<p>Do <i>(Love the Lord with all your strength):</i> What can I do to rest in the Holy Spirit’s work?</p>

To journey along with Pastor Chris Eads each day this week as he wrestles with these verses in his own life, check out our YouTube channel and watch “*The Daily Six*” videos that are published each weekday morning to coincide with this week’s teaching. For this and more resources and messages in our teaching series “*Making Room for God*,” visit www.MtHopesLoudoun.org.