

LoveWell Ministries Bible Study

Victim or Victor?



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LOVE. DISCIPLINE. REPEAT.

I. Take some time to invite the Holy Spirit in to guide your thoughts and feelings as you go through this Bible study. Ask the Lord to tell you how much He loves you; ask Him to bring into memory times when you were absolutely sure you were experiencing His love. Just sit in this space for a few minutes as God reveals Himself to you.

II. Answer the following:

- What does it mean to you to be a victim, and what does it mean to be a victor? What's the difference?

- What do you think about the following statement: "Life doesn't happen to you; it happens for you"?

III. By all Biblical accounts, King David, Job, Jesus, and Paul the Apostle were all very well aware of and intentional about receiving the unending love God pours out on people. Keep this in mind as you read the following passages in Scripture. Answer the questions through the lens of God's love for you.

- **Read 1 Samuel 30:1-8** and answer the following questions:

What are some of the things David could have been a victim about here?

What jumps out at you about how David handles his situation and circumstances here?

How do you think David's awareness of the Lord's love for him factored in to how he handled a tough situation?

- **Read Job 1:13-22** and answer the following questions:

What do these verses imply about Job's understanding of God's love?



How does Job handle his loss, and why do you think he handles it the way he does?

What might these verses have to do with the statement “life doesn’t happen to you: it happens for you”?

- **Read Luke 15:11-32** and answer the following questions:

What does this parable tell you about God’s love for you?

What do you think of the older brother?

Jealousy is the obvious answer, but why else might the older brother be acting like such a victim here? What might it have to do with how He views the Father’s love?

- **Read Philippians 2:12-18** and answer the following questions:

Paul is basically telling the Philippians to be victors in Christ because of what God’s love has done for them. With that in mind, what jumps out at you in these verses?

Read verse 13 again. How does receiving God’s love, loving Him in return, and “loving your neighbor as yourself” become applicable here?

IV. Take some time to seek the Lord. Sit in His presence considering how His love for you should affect your overall attitude. (It’s always a good next step to journal your thoughts and feelings toward God!)