



Be Victorious – Message 4

Announcements

- **Women's Night** // Tuesday, March 28th // Invite your friends, wives, sisters, mothers and colleagues to this special night! Doors open at 6:30pm and event starts at 7pm. Register for childcare at ChurchoftheKing.com/wn.
- **Step One – Starting Point** // Sunday, April 2nd at 12:45pm // Gain a basic introduction to the ministry of Church of the King and the opportunity to become a member of the church. Register at ChurchoftheKing.com/register.

Warm-up

Share a time when came out victorious in something, maybe it was a sports event, academic achievement, personal goal or test. Describe the instance and its effect on you.

As we continue with part four of *When Life Hurts* series, the words of Jesus encourage us to *be victorious* when we face difficult and challenging times. Together, we will explore how to embrace the winning edge of life.

Word and Application

“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.” **John 19:30**

Today we look at the powerful statement of Jesus on the cross when he said, “it is finished.” These three words give us the confidence to live life from a victorious stance. What do you think Jesus meant by this statement, “it is finished?”

Let’s explore three keys to **Embracing the Winning Edge of Life**.

1. *Know your identity in Christ.*

Read Ephesians 1:11, Colossians 1:17 and 1 John 3:1.

Why is it more important to reaffirm who you are in Christ than to compare yourself to the standards of the world? How do you combat thoughts or words contrary to your true identity in Christ?

Knowing our true identity helps us to prioritize our lives, value the right things and invest in our eternity.

Read Matthew 6:33, John 13:34 and I Corinthians 15:58.

What do these verses show us about where to place our priorities? How can you reprioritize areas in your life to align up with your identity in Christ?

2. *Embrace your security in Christ’s love.*

Read Ephesians 3:17-18 & Romans 8:38-39.

Explain how these verses assure us of Christ’s love for us? How is the love of Christ different from the love you’ve experienced in relationships in your lifetime?

3. *Have courage in Christ’s power.*

Read I Corinthians 16:13, Romans 8:37, Ephesians 3:20-21, Deuteronomy 31:6

Define courage in your own words. How can you have courage and strength in a difficult time? Share with the group about a time when God gave you courage in a difficult situation.

Which of the three keys to embracing a winning edge do you find most challenging? What will you apply from this discussion to help you be victorious in that particular area?

Prayer

Thank the Lord for going before us and giving us all we need to have courage and strength even when we don’t feel it. Ask God to help you to apply Christ’s victory at the cross to a difficult trial you are facing today. Pray for specific needs of the group.