

V to V – Key Points

Victimization is a result of the Fall. (Genesis 3)

- The creation Adam was given to have dominion over now had dominion over him.
- Adam recognized his nakedness (lack / poverty) and attempted to cover it with something from the created world.
- Adam started the “blame game.” (He blamed Eve and then God.)
 - He would not own his situation.
 - God questioned him so that he could be “located.”

Reality → Everyone is a victim. (of sin and the fallen created order)

Good news → You don't have to remain a victim.

Question → How do we apply the “finished work of the cross of Christ” to our lives so that we can live in liberty and dominion?

What can we say then about a Christian victim?

What can cause us to become a victim – and act perpetrated against us, or how we respond to the act?

Tribulation (2348 *thlipsis*) – to crowd out; afflicted; pressured; burdened; anguish; persecution

John 16:33 – Peace and confidence (empowered kingdom states).
We will have opportunities to become victims (disempowered).
Empower yourself through His victory!

Acts 14:22 - We enter the Kingdom through hardship and tribulation!

Victim thinking is reinforced (becomes a stronghold) when there is agreement with lies.

- Agreement with darkness empowers the works of darkness.
- Truth is the only thing that can liberate us. (John 8:30-23)

Matthew 13:21 – Tribulation will come upon us for the Word's sake.

Matthew 24:21 – Tribulation will cause the love of many to become cold and they will fall away.

Victimization is a "disempowered state."

- John 10: 9, 10 – The work of the thief verses the abundance of the Kingdom.
- Romans 5:1-4 – Endure tribulation through the empowerment of Christ.

Our past life experiences have to be renewed by the love of God and the truth of His Word.

- Unless truth is administered, we will become trapped in cycles of defeat (dysfunctions) and other emotional constraints.
- Romans 8:35-39 – More than conquerors!

Necessary dynamics to become free and live in victory:

The love of God (TUA) is the foundation for empowered living.

The application of Truth renews our mind (thoughts / emotions)

Responsibility (which leads to) – repentance, forgiveness, love...

Governing our state.