

Foundations of the Faith

Lesson 6 – Victory in Your Walk

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Two Key Terms

- **Victory** = Winning. Achieving. Having a fruitful relationship with God and obeying His commands

[1Co 15:57 NLT] 57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Walk** = How you manifest your relationship with Jesus
 - Lifetime, not short-term, steady
 - Has both positive and negative physical attributes
 - Has mental attributes (thought life and motivation)
 - Not perfect



Walk or Run?

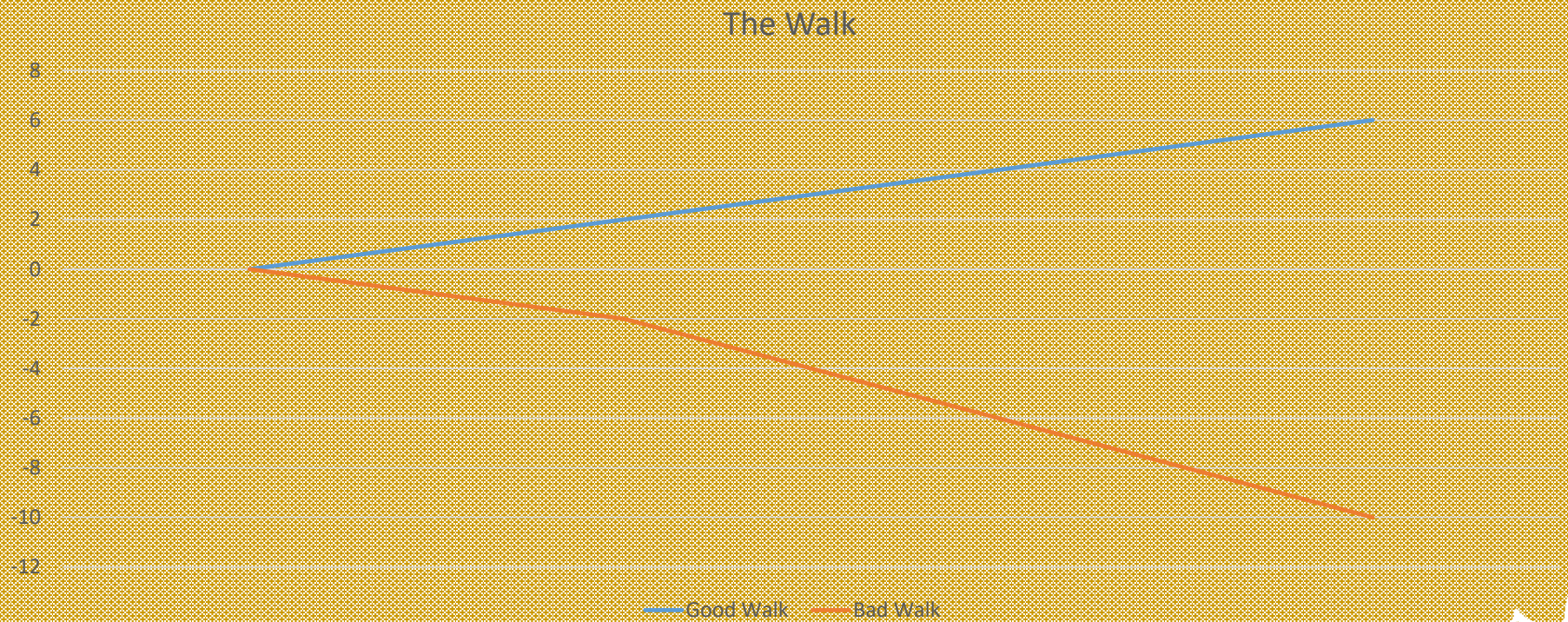
[Phl 2:16 NLT] 16 Hold firmly to the word of life; then, on the day of Christ's return, I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

[1Co 9:24 NLT] 24 Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!

[Heb 12:1 NLT] 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run **with endurance** the race **God has set before us**.



Graphs of the Walk



Tonight's Memory Verse

- [1Co 10:13 NLT] 13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.
- Three Points
 - There are no uncommon temptations
 - God will not allow more temptations than you can stand
 - God will show you a way out
 - EXTRA: Temptations aren't bad...it is how we react to them



Three Types of Soil (Matthew 13)

- Rocky Soil – Those who don't last
- Thorny Soil – Choked out by the world
- Good Soil - [Mat 13:23 NLT] 23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"



Problem – Our Flesh and the Enemy of our Souls

[Rom 7:15-25 NLT] 15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 21 I have discovered this principle of life--that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.



Problem – Our Flesh and the Enemy of our Souls

[1Co 10:1-7 NLT] 1 I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. 2 In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. 3 All of them ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. 5 Yet God was not pleased with most of them, and their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 These things happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did, 7 or worship idols as some of them did. As the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry."



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[1Pe 5:8-9 NLT] 8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are.



Problem – Our Flesh and the Enemy of our Souls

[1Co 10:8-14 NLT] 8 And we must not engage in sexual immorality as some of them did, causing 23,000 of them to die in one day. 9 Nor should we put Christ to the test, as some of them did and then died from snakebites. 10 And don't grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. 11 These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age. 12 If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure. 14 So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols.



Our Motivation

- We are His Friends

[Jhn 15:14-16 NLT] 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.



Our Motivation

- We will all stand before the judgement seat

[2Co 5:9-10 NLT] 9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. 10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.



Our Motivation

- Our Works will be Judged

[1Co 3:11-15 NLT] 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have--Jesus Christ. 12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials--gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. 14 If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. 15 But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.



Our Motivation

- Our lives are hidden in Christ

[Col 3:1-4 NLT] 1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Be quick to confess sins

[1Jo 1:9 NLT] 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Acknowledge who we are in Christ and attempt to live Accordingly

[Eph 4:17-32 NLT] 17 With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. 18 Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. 19 They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. 20 But that isn't what you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, 22 throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. 23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. 24 Put on your new nature, created to be like God--truly righteous and holy. 25 So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. 26 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil. 28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. 29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. 30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. 32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- We have been given the power to partake of His Divine Nature



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- With all diligence, add to your faith virtue and knowledge
- Virtue - The **biblical meaning of virtue** refers to conformity to a standard of right and moral excellence. Throughout the Bible, various virtues are highlighted, including prudence, temperance, fortitude, and justice

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How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Self Control, Perseverance, Godliness



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Brotherly kindness, and love



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Stay in the Word of God

[2Ti 3:16 NLT] 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- Stay close to other believers
- [Heb 10:24-25 NLT] 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that **the day of his return is drawing near**.



How to Live a Victorious Life

- Be in Prayer

[1Th 5:16-18 NKJV] 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



How to Live a Victorious Christian Life

- If you do these things, you won't stumble



What to do if you Stumble?

- **Confess your sin to each other**

[Jas 5:16 NLT] 16 Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

- **Confess to God**

[1Jo 1:9 NLT] 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

- **Repent**

[Luk 24:47 NLT] 47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.'



The Big Ending

- We as new or “old” believers should want a victorious walk.
 - We have several motivations to want to do this
 - We are given “tools” to walk victorious
 - God has given us ways to get back on the path
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- Next Week: Agape (Love)

