The Victory God Gives Us

A Thanksgiving Call to Praise and Repentance

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1 Corinthians 15:57–58 (NKJV)

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The Father gives us victory over sin and death through Jesus. Because Jesus lives, we can praise God through tears, admit where we have wandered, and keep doing good even when we cannot see the outcome.

Open your Bible and read both verses aloud. Ask the Lord to show you one way to respond. You may keep any personal answer between you and God.

Follow the passage

1 Corinthians 15:57 Thank the Father for the victory Christ gives.
1 Corinthians 15:58 Stand firm in the gospel and keep serving. Bring that hope into your prayers for your neighbors and your country.

Beginning with thanksgiving

What is one ordinary gift you once prayed for and now enjoy almost without noticing?

Giving the Father His due

Read **1 Corinthians 15:3–5, 20–23, 54–57**.

Lincoln asked a nation at war to notice the goodness it had grown accustomed to receiving. Pastor Kevin pictured a woman holding her mother's chipped mixing bowl at Thanksgiving. Gratitude and grief can both be present at the same table.

1. Observe In **1 Corinthians 15:54–57**, what enemies does Paul name? Who gives the victory, and through whom?

2. Understand Paul calls Christ the firstfruits in **1 Corinthians 15:20–23**. What has already happened, and what are those who belong to Christ still waiting for?

3. Apply What could you honestly thank the Father for this Thanksgiving, even if a prayer you care about is still unanswered?

The courage to confess

Read **1 Corinthians 15:9–10, 57** and **1 John 1:9**.

In the sermon, a father realizes he listened to his phone more closely than to his daughter. His prayer about children in America becomes a reason to put the phone down and knock on her door.

4. Observe What wrong does Paul acknowledge in **1 Corinthians 15:9–10**? To what does he credit the change in his life and work?

5. Understand According to **1 John 1:9**, what can someone who confesses count on from God? How might that give the father courage to ask his daughter's forgiveness?

6. Apply privately What do you want to name honestly before the Father? If a wrong can be repaired, what first step is yours to take?

Standing firm with humility

Read **1 Corinthians 15:1–5, 57–58**.

At the bus-route meeting in the sermon, a man speaks up for a neighbor who uses a walker. When he learns his accusation against the planner was unfair, he goes back to the microphone. His concern for the passenger still matters.

7. Observe How does Paul address the Corinthians in **1 Corinthians 15:58**? What had they received and taken their stand on in **1 Corinthians 15:1–4**?

8. Understand How does the victory in **1 Corinthians 15:57** explain Paul's call to stand firm in **1 Corinthians 15:58**? How does that help explain the man's second trip to the microphone?

9. Apply In a disagreement you are likely to face, what could you say or ask that would give the other person a fair hearing?

Making room beside us

Read **1 Corinthians 15:14, 57–58** and **1 Corinthians 16:15–18**.

At the Grants Pass turkey soup outreach, imagine a guest moving his coat off the chair next to him. A volunteer sits down and learns his late wife's name. Another volunteer stays at the soup pot so they have time to talk.

10. Observe What did the household of Stephanas devote themselves to in **1 Corinthians 16:15–18**? How did Paul describe the effect of his three visitors?

11. Understand Compare **1 Corinthians 15:14** and **1 Corinthians 15:58**. Why can the person at the soup pot trust that their work matters, even if they never hear the conversation?

12. Apply Who might welcome a visit or call this week? If you are the one who needs company, whom could you invite?

Praying for a wounded nation

Read **1 Timothy 2:1–4**, **Nehemiah 1:4–7**, and **Nehemiah 2:4–5**.

Lincoln asked Americans to bring the bereaved before God and pray for the nation's wounds to heal. The sermon asks us to bring one leader and one neighbor to the Father by name.

13. Observe Whom does Paul include in his call to prayer in **1 Timothy 2:1–4**? What does he say God desires for people?

14. Understand In **Nehemiah 1:4–7**, whom does Nehemiah include when he confesses? How does his request in **Nehemiah 2:4–5** help you understand what can follow such a prayer?

15. Apply Which leader and which neighbor will you pray for by name? What will you ask the Father to do for each of them?

Coming to Christ

In **1 Corinthians 15:3–5**, Paul recalls the good news he first preached. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you have wanted to call God your Father but felt you had to put your past in order first, come to Jesus today. Tell Him honestly where you have sinned. Turn to Him and trust Him to forgive you and lead your life. If you would like someone to pray or open the Bible with you, speak with your group leader or Pastor Kevin.

My next step

One truth about Jesus I want to carry into this week

One thing I will do in response, and when I will do it

Someone I can ask to pray with me or help me follow through

A prayer for the week

Father in heaven, thank You for raising Jesus from the dead. Forgive the wrong I have done and help me put it right. Remember those who mourn. Give our leaders wisdom, bring healing to our nation, and help me love the neighbor You have placed near me. In Jesus' name, amen.

A verse to remember

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." **1 Corinthians 15:57**

Five days in the Word

Day 1 · The man who came back

Read **Luke 17:11–19** and **1 Corinthians 15:57**.

Which gift have you enjoyed lately without taking a moment to thank the One who gave it?

Name that gift in prayer today. As you thank the Father for it, thank Him also for raising Jesus from the dead.

Day 2 · An honest prayer in private

Read **1 John 1:8–9**.

Where might an honest conversation with God change how you treat someone today?

In private, name one wrong you need to confess. Receive God’s forgiveness, and consider whether you owe someone an apology or a change in how you listen.

Day 3 · Courage at the microphone

Read **1 Corinthians 15:1–4, 58**.

How could you speak up for someone you care about while correcting an unfair thing you said about someone else?

Ask Jesus to help you entrust your reputation to Him. If you repeated something untrue, correct it with the people who heard it.

Finishing the week

Day 4 · At the soup pot

Read **1 Corinthians 15:14, 20, 58**.

Whose quiet work has made room for you to spend time with someone who needed company?

Thank someone whose quiet service made another person’s act of love possible.

Day 5 · When prayer leads to action

Read **Nehemiah 1:4–7** and **Nehemiah 2:4–5**.

What opportunity might you already have to act on a prayer you’ve been praying for your community?

Pray for a leader and a neighbor by name. Listen for an opportunity to tell someone why the risen Jesus gives you hope.

Looking back

What happened when you took your next step, or what help do you need to begin?

How did one passage change the way you praised God, prayed for someone, or treated a neighbor?

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