

Bible Study Topic: Living a victorious life Ephesians 3+4

Timeline:

Welcome.	1 min
Open with Prayer.	1 min
Suggest Feedback on answered prayer.	5-10
min	
Time of Bible Study .	40 min
Questions.	10 min

Prayer: (Optionally, you can do your own prayer)

"Dear Father God in heaven, we come before your presence to learn more about your word. Please lead our hearts and minds in the direction of your will, to learn more about what you wish to reveal to us today. Please help us see what Paul has to say, with open minds, and hearts aligned with you. Amen."

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Introduction

Living a *victorious life* in Christ involves following God's divine plan, embracing the example set by Jesus, and cultivating unity among believers. This study delves into Paul's insights in Ephesians, revealing how being a servant or prisoner of Christ can provide a deeper sense of *freedom* than the world offers.

Godly leadership is characterized by *humility*, *compassion*, *forgiveness*, and *patience*, standing in stark contrast to worldly leadership, which often prioritizes self-promotion. By examining key passages from Ephesians, we'll uncover the transformative impact of grace-filled leadership on those we serve, learn how to navigate relationships with challenging leaders, and identify the essential qualities of faith-driven leadership—rooted in the Holy Spirit, love, and Scripture.

Ultimately, we are all called to lead with *grace*, whether as parents, mentors, or peers, embodying Christ's servant-hearted model in our daily lives.



Discussion:

- 1. What does living a victorious life look like? (following Gods plan, following Jesus' example, living in unity)
- 2. Read Ephesians 3:1. How is it possible that being a servant, captive and prisoner of Christ be a person who has more freedom than those in the world?
- 3. In what ways is a Godly leader different from a worldly leader?
- 4. What are the outcomes or effects that occur in people when leadership is characterized by grace?
- 5. Read Ephesians 4:2 and Ephesians 4:32, and find four grace characteristics of a leader. (compassion, forgiveness, humility, and patience)
- 6. Read Ephesians 3:8-13. Why does Paul focus on himself?
- 7. The Kingdom model of leadership is upside down compared to the world, list a few opposites.

 Use what you have read in Ephesians. Make sure being under authority is listed.
- 8. Read Ephesians 3:13-1
- 9. In what ways do we learn how a Godly leader serve those under them?
- 10. If the person you are supposed to submit to difficult to submit to, what advice can you give to help them submit?
- 11. Read Ephesians 3:16-19. What are the ingredients to a Godly leader? (Faith, Holy Spirit, Love, Fellowship, Scripture)
- 12. Discuss the difference between humility and false humility? Consider this statement: "humility isn't thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."
- 13. What is the fruit of Godly leadership?
- 14. Everyone is a leader, even if not an official one, a grandmother leads her grandchild, and sometimes the grandchild leads their grandmother. Parent to child and child to parent. What has struck you most about how you can be a better leader?

Conclusion:

True freedom is found in choosing and serving Christ, and Godly servant-leadership reflects compassion, forgiveness, and patience. By applying the principles from Ephesians, we can lead others effectively, whether in our homes, communities, or churches, and demonstrate the transformative power of Christ-centred leadership.