



THE VICTORY SERIES PT. 3
 “THE MINDSET OF VICTORY”
 (2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-15)

Intra: The Victory Mindset *IS NOT* positive thinking [*THINKING THE BEST IS GOING TO HAPPEN USING SELF-TALK*].

The Victory Mindset IS..

- Standing on and *believing in The Truth that God has spoken*
- To have a *spiritually pre-determined approach* prior to *Life Happening*.

In the text (vs. 12-13) the Apostle Paul does something in literature called a digression [*TO TURN ASIDE FROM THE MAIN SUBJECT OR ARGUMENT*]. He turns away from disappointments and celebrates that which he *already has*, and is *active in his life, Victory In Christ*.

What Kind Of TRIUMPH?

- **For The Believer**-We are led in TRIUMPH because Christ has conquered all opposition
- **For The Enemies Of The Believer**-A word picture of a TRIUMPHANT processional that leads those who have been conquered on a public thoroughfare [*OR MAINROAD*] as a display of Christ Victory over them

Prior to his digression, had been through something life threatening according to 2 Corinthians 1:8-10.

- Paul was “*pressed out of measure beyond strength*”=*Weighed down with a burden too heavy to bear, causing extreme sorrow.*
- Paul “*despaired life*”=*To have great doubt concerning if he was going to be alive.*
- Paul felt there was a “*sentence of death*” given=*Believing the verdict of death had been given due to the adversity he was dealing with.*
- Paul’s final declaration about his situation was “*that we should not trust in ourselves*”=*To not rely upon self but upon Christ Who is Able to raise the dead.*

This Should Be Our Victory Mindset As Well

3 Things To Remember In A Victory Mindset

1. The Lord Is Leading Us In Victory *Even* Through The _____ Of Life—Dreams not realized and hope deferred can negatively affect the situation but the *Mindset* is *Unmoveable* (1 Corinthians 15:57-58).
2. The Lord Is Leading Us in Victory *Even* Through Our Own _____ —
Personal failure is not final but *HS Victory* Declared in and over us is (1 John 5:4).
3. The Lord Is Leading Us In Victory *Even* In The Mdst Of What _____ To Be A
_____ —Christ has *secured* The Victory but He commands us to *defend*
the Victory (1 Corinthians 16:13=~~BE~~ALERT AND ON YOUR GUARD)