
APRIL 7/8, 2018

VICTORY

The Impact of Our Victory

1 John 5:1-5 (p. 1041)

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You can access the weekly study notes PDF (outline and fill-ins) on the EFCC Sermon Messages page online at www.efcc.org/sermons/.

EFCC Open Wi-Fi Password: **John3:16**

THE KEY INSIGHT → We become _____ by trusting in Jesus' _____ . (See Rom. 8:37-39; Phil. 4:13; 2 Cor. 2:14)

An overcomer continues to ...

1. Trust the Lord. (5:1, 5)
2. Love the Father. (5:1; Eph. 2:12; Rom. 5:8; 8:15)
3. Love their siblings. (5:1; John 13:35)
4. Follow God's directives. (5:2-3)

THE CHALLENGE → Think of the Bible not just as an _____, but also as a _____. (Matt. 11:30)

5. Resist ungodly influences. (5:4)

HOW?



- _____ of God's love. (1 John 2:15)
- _____ about God's truth. (Rom. 12:2)
- _____ to obey God's principles. (John 16:33)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR
SERMON-BASED SMALL GROUPS

Watch Pastor's Video Blog online at www.efcc.org/video-blog/
(see the link under the GROW tab, Sermons side).

Personal preparation: Read the passage, review your outline, and think through the questions. As a group, read the passage together.

CONNECTING

1. From the Video Blog — How is it going with drinking deeply of God's unconditional love?

GROWING

2. From 1 John 1:1-5 and your outline: What are two, three or four words, phrases or ideas that stand out to you? Share these with your group and talk about why each grabbed your attention.
3. Which one of the five points from the outline would you like to work on this week? Why? How might you do this?

SHARING

4. What's a "challenge of this life" that you'd like prayer for this next week? (John 16:33; Philippians 4:13)

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

THE KEY INSIGHT: We become **"victors"** by trusting in Jesus' **victory**. (See Rom. 8:37-39; Phil. 4:13; 2 Cor. 2:14)

"... we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:37-39

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14

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1. Trust the Lord. (5:1, 5)

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"... having no hope and without God in the world." Ephesians 2:12

"... God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'" Romans 8:15

3. Love their siblings. (5:1; John 13:35)

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

4. Follow God's directives. (5:2-3)

THE CHALLENGE: Think of the Bible not just as an **owner's manual**, but also as a **love letter**. (Matt. 11:30)

"... My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Matthew 11:30

5. Resist ungodly influences. (5:4)

How? By Faith!

- **Drink deeply** of God's love. (1 John 2:15)

"Do not love the world nor the things in the world ..." 1 John 2:15

- **Think rightly** about God's truth. (Rom. 12:2)

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

- **Try daily** to obey God's principles. (John 16:33)

"... In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." John 16:33