APPLICATION

- Have you trusted Jesus fully for your salvation? Commit to stop trying to earn it through your own efforts and start trusting in the work He has finished for you on the cross. Share this decision with a friend.

- Since God has given you a fresh start, what things will you do differently from now on to walk in the victory that Jesus purchased for you? Make a list and with someone from your group, pray that God will give you the grace to live it out.

- Name one person that you can pray for this week to share the gospel. In your group, pray for the people on your list to have open hearts and ask for grace to be upon each other as you step out and share about your faith.

PRAYER

- Pray that the people in your school, work, and community will be open to receive the gospel. Ask God for the sensitivity to know how you can help them and for the compassion to win them to Christ.

- Ask God for every church member to have the grace to live a victorious life. May their lifestyle reflect godly character and encourage more to follow Jesus.

- Pray for your immediate concerns and believe God for breakthroughs and answered prayers this week.

VICTORY

Honor God. Make Disciples.

WEEK 3

Triumphant Defeat

Sermon Notes

Date: _____

Text: _____

Small Group Material

WARM-UP

- Tell of a time when you won in a competition. What challenges did you face and how did you feel when you were proclaimed as winner?
- What is your favorite sports movie? What part of it is most memorable for you and why?

WORD

[13]When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, [14]having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. [15]And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

Even with our best works and intentions, we will never be able to bridge the moral gap from God caused by our sin (Romans 3:23, 6:23). The good news is, Jesus made a way for us to be reconciled to God by dying on the cross and being raised to life again. Let us understand better the victory that Jesus has purchased for us.

- **Jesus died so we can be saved** (1 Peter 1:18,19, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 9:12).
  Because Jesus is God and also fully man who lived without sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), He became the perfect sacrifice on our behalf and paid off the penalty of the sins of the world.

- **Jesus became the sacrifice so we can be justified** (Romans 3:24, 4:5).
  By trusting on what Jesus did on the cross alone and not by what we can do, we are forgiven of our sins and fully accepted as children into God's family.

- **Jesus resurrected so we are given new life** (Romans 6:4).
  Because Jesus conquered death, we are not only forgiven but we have new life.

Only Jesus' complete work—His death and resurrection—brings forgiveness and new life.

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