

Run With His Vision (Part 9)

Habakkuk 2:2-3 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

Victory Life Church is:

9. A Delivering church, destroying the works of the devil's oppression in the lives of individuals through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus ministry 1/3 spent casting out demons, yet few churches do it today:

Healing * Teaching * Delivering

Teaching: Know the truth and the truth will set you free.

- Cleansing Streams
- Prayer counseling: **Some people don't need deliverance – They need healing**
- Authority of the Believer through name of Jesus & word
- Binding and loosing: Matthew 18:18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Answering Jesus Call to set the captives free

Matthew 10:1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Mark 16:17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

I am not into debating, but helping people. Go with what works. Jesus wasn't uptight about it nor have hang ups about terminology. He was more concerned about ministering to people than appeasing people's mental prejudice & roadblocks. I would rather obey Jesus.

Possessed: *daimonizomai dahee-mon-id'-zom-ahay*; to be under the power of a demon. How term has been used in Bible:

- possessed with devils
- possessed with the devil
- of the devil
- vexed with a devil
- possessed with a devil
- have a devil

The church has turned over casting out devils to psychologists and drugs

You can't cast out the flesh, nor can you discipline a demon



Authority of the Believer

Luke 10:17-24 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."²¹ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.

Vexed: To suffer, be harassed

To be demonized: be controlled in certain areas of soul and body

Q) Can a Christian have a demon?

A) A believer's spirit cannot be possessed which implies complete control and ownership. We are spirit, soul and Body. The spirit is redeemed, but our soul and body can be influenced.

Luke 13:16 So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Q) Is it the flesh or is it a demon?

A) It could be one or the other or both. When in doubt cast it out!

Q) What do you do when things happen that don't line up with your neatly laid out theology?

A) Re-evaluate your theology. Any doctrine you have should be motivated by setting the captives free.

Q) How do you know when something is demonic in origin?

A) When you have tried everything else and they are not working. Some things flesh/demonic. Usually it is both. The devil uses our weaknesses which is why Scripture says, "Give no place to the devil".

Q) When do you cast out devils?

A-1) When the issue is brought to a head and they interrupt ministry publically.

A-2) When people want to be delivered. Not everyone wants to be delivered. Some like their sin.

Being involved with deliverance can bring a backlash to you - Rejection

1. Jesus asked to leave region (Luke 8:37)
2. Paul put in prison (Acts 16:16-24)

Rules of Engagement:

1. Don't get weird, call everything a demon or focus on demonic – avoid extremes
2. Don't get prideful about it (or speak down to others who are oppressed)
 - a. We have all struggled and been demonized
 - b. Respect people and avoid embarrassing them
3. Avoid bragging and sharing people's problems with others
4. Approach spiritual warfare as victory already won. We simply enforce it, and stand in what is ours.

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Statement: "Demons can't come within 10 feet of a believer" is false

Types of demons:

- Disease - affliction
- Unclean - Sexual
- Violence - anger
- Strife-James 3:16
- Religious

People who claimed to be Christians:

- Murdered
- Molested
- Raped
- Stolen
- Suicide

James 3:16 (KJV) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

