

Behind Enemy Lines

Week 4 — Know Your Victory

Key Scriptures: James 4:7–10; Romans 8:31–39

Supporting Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 23:12; Revelation 12:11



Icebreaker

When you hear the word **victory**, what picture comes to mind? What would you normally expect victory to look like?

Discussion

1. Victory doesn't mean the battle is over.

Marc challenged us to reconsider how we define spiritual victory. Victory doesn't mean we never struggle, never face temptation, or never experience hardship.

Romans 8:35–37 acknowledges trouble, hardship, persecution, danger, and even suffering—yet Paul says we are “more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

- How have you been tempted to define spiritual victory as having an easy or trouble-free life?
- How does Romans 8 change that understanding?
- What battle are you currently facing where you need to remember that the battle does not have the final word?

2. Spiritual victory begins with surrender, not self-sufficiency.

James 4:7–10 gives us a battle plan: **submit to God, resist the devil, draw near to God, allow Him to cleanse and transform us, and humble ourselves before Him.**

- Which of these steps is easiest for you? Which is most difficult?
- Why is humility so important in spiritual warfare?
- What does it look like practically to “submit” to God in the middle of a struggle?

3. We fight FROM victory, not FOR victory.

The victory Jesus offers has three dimensions:

We have experienced victory from the penalty of sin.

We are experiencing victory from the power of sin.

We will experience final victory from the presence of sin.

- Which of these three realities gives you the most hope?
- How does knowing that Jesus has already won change the way you face temptation and spiritual battles?
- What difference does it make to know that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus? (Romans 8:38–39)

Takeaway

We don't fight for victory; we fight from the victory Jesus has already won.

This week, when you recognize a spiritual battle, remember:

Be alert.

Submit to God.

Resist the devil.

Draw near to God.

Humble yourself.

Trust Jesus.

Challenge

Identify one area of your life where you are currently experiencing a spiritual battle. Each day this week, intentionally pray:

“Jesus, I submit to You. I resist the enemy. I draw near to You. I humble myself before You. Help me live from the victory You have already won.”

Then look for one practical way to surrender that area more fully to God.