

“Only the Lord can move us beyond the pain and abuse of betrayal, but He can and He will.”

PULPIT CURRICULUM

I'M NOT A VICTIM
GENESIS 50:20

Game Changers, pt 1

1. REVIEW

What part of Joseph's story impacted you the most? _____

Read Genesis 39:11-20. Discuss what it would have been like if Joseph had adopted a victim mentality as a result of this situation. How did Joseph avoid this pattern of thinking?

Read Genesis 50:19-21. Joseph doesn't deny that evil happened to him. He embraces it. Why? _____

2. ASSESS

Sometimes we develop a victim mentality when we DO get what we think we DON'T deserve. What are some hurts or circumstances that you are currently experiencing that are making you feel like a victim? _____

Sometimes we develop a victim mentality when we DON'T get what we think we DO deserve. What are some rewards you were expecting for your faith and obedience but haven't received yet? _____

Read Romans 8:28. Regardless of whether the things we experience in life are good or bad, God works through all of it for our good and His glory. In what ways is your pattern of thinking stuck in a victim mentality? Circle all that apply.

Focused on Self

Ongoing Pain

Stuck in the Past

Paralyzed

Stronghold

3. APPLY

The reason Joseph was able to overcome the hardships in his life was because he lived with the mentality that God had a greater purpose for him and for those around him. He embraced the pain and evil that was coming to him knowing that God was in control. He confessed that he wasn't in control and submitted to God's will for his life. He stood and lived in the knowledge that God is sovereign and had his best interests in mind. How will you live these 3 important truths this week? Who will encourage you this week as you adopt these truths?

I need to EMBRACE the pain of my circumstances by: _____

I need to CONFESS my strongholds and wrong patterns of thinking by: _____

I need to STAND in the knowledge of God's sovereignty by: _____

- 1A) Evil intent is Growing—I Feel**
- 2A) Divine activity is Showing—I Kneel**
- 3A) Sovereign purpose in Knowing—I Heal**

A stronghold is a stubborn pattern or way of thinking that is resistant to God's Word and to God's will for us.

Nothing justifies hatred—nothing you do or failed to do could ever justify the actions that hatred takes or the actions that hatred creates.

Beware the temptation to rebel, when initial acts of surrender are not quickly rewarded.

The hardest hurts to overcome are the home hurts.

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5 DAY READING PLAN**DAY 1**

READ Jeremiah 29:11-14

What I learned (observation/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ Romans 8:26-28

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Psalm 37:4-7

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Psalm 56:8-11

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Psalm 62:5-8

What I learned:

How I will respond:

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