

**THE HARVEST  
IS HUGE & RIPE!  
BUT THERE ARE  
NOT ENOUGH  
HARVESTERS TO  
BRING IT ALL IN**

**MATTHEW 9:37**



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### *Prayer Support Groups*

**PRAYER SUPPORT  
AT ON WINGS OFFICE**

**October 5th  
6:30 to 8:00 pm  
David Walters will share  
his testimony**

**RIVER OAKS CHURCH  
CLEMMONS, NC  
Meet in Room #4 2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm  
Currently studying  
The Bondage Breaker  
by Neil T. Anderson**

### *Ladies Bible Study*

**Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall**

**Each Tuesday  
at On Wings Office  
from 12:30-2:00  
October 6th**

**We are beginning a new Study  
Finding God Faithful  
by Kelly Minter  
led by Janelle Siebsen  
Come join us for  
fellowship and learning**



## *Are You Living from a Victim Mindset?*

**"I said, 'You are "gods"; you are all sons of the Most High.'" Psalm 82:6**

I love the Ruach Study we have been doing and the lesson on Victim Mindset was powerful. I did not want you to miss out on the truths brought to light on the victim mentality, so I want to share some from it here. As I sat with a participant in our study she said, "I'm not sure I am a victim", but as the video proceeded all of a sudden, she said, "Well, maybe I am!"

No matter how many times I hear each video I learn something new about myself and realize that God is pointing things out that I need to look at in my own life and deal with them. I do not want to stay in a victim mindset, do you?

#### **Definition of a Victim Mindset:**

"We are living as a victim any time we live in less than the full covenant sonship that Jesus died to give you. It comes from an improper understanding of who God is and who we are in Him. It is a structure or a system of false beliefs that we have developed over our lifetime, and it has become who we think we are. Victim Mindset is not a spirit that can be cast out. It is a mindset that must be displaced by our living experience of God's love as His covenant child.

We all face difficulties and challenges. All of us have been a victim due to living in this fallen world. The problem comes when we take on the victim mindset as our identity and live as a victim. The enemy wants to lure us away from living in our true identity and cause us to believe that we are a victim.

The good news is we get to choose. We can choose to live from the identity of a son/daughter of God Most High or from a victim mindset". *Taken from Ruach by Sylvia and Elizabeth Gunter.*

There is an Inventory listed in the book to identify areas you might be experiencing victimhood. Let me give you a few:

- Victims believe they are the one person God cannot help
- Victims have strange financial setbacks time after time in their lives
- Victims have a problem with self-pity. "My life has been harder than yours." Why me?
- Victims live by "I have to...." instead of "I get to...."
- Victims speak in "always" and "never".
- Victims are stuck in the past.

This is just a few on the list and I can assure you that I have fallen into the Victim Mindset often in my life. One of my greatest offenses is in saying, "I have to" instead of I get to. I have to take the supplies to someone, I have to lead Bible Study, I have to cook for my husband, I have to go to a meeting or meet with a family. My speech needs to change....."I get to do these things because I am blessed to have supplies to take those in need, My passion is to share the Word with others, I get to prepare a meal for my husband or family, and I get to meet with a hurting family to bring them hope and encouragement in some way.

I can sometimes be stuck in the past with the hurts that I felt back then. I can recall a fellow student's rejection when I expressed my desire to go to an event with him. He sent word back to me, "Go to hell". Or I can remember teachers who told me I would not succeed in one area or another. It's been 52 years ago and those thoughts still tend to come up in my mind. Am I going to hell? Absolutely not, so why does that continue to bug me? Did I pass that course or exam that my teacher told me I couldn't? Yes, I did. I must ask myself the question, am I allowing those events to define me or am I choosing to believe what God says about me. Have I become an overcomer in that area? I believe I have but the enemy keeps trying to take me back in the past. I must learn to let it go each time it comes to mind.

Look at 1 Kings 18-19 at Elijah's life. Listen for self-pity, bitterness, entitlement, and embellishment. You will see that God quickly redirects him in 1 Kings 19:15. Then look at overcomers as in the case of Joshua and Caleb in Numbers 13-14, or Paul in 2 Corinthians 11-12. Paul also experienced rejection, imprisonment, desertion by Demas, yet in 2 Timothy 4:16-18 he says to the Lord, "May it not be held against them". In Philippians 1:12-21 Paul rejoiced in his hardships.

Let God's Word show you where you might be living out of a victim mindset. We should all want to be overcomers like Paul. He went through a lot more than we probably ever will, but he lived as a son of the Most High God, not as a victim. Let us choose to do the same. It is not too late to make a change.

*~ Sandra*



## Prayer Thoughts

### Entrust Your Loved Ones To Me

Release them into My protective care. They are much safer with Me than in your clinging hands. If you let a loved one become an idol in your heart, you endanger that one—as well as yourself. Joseph and his father, Jacob, suffered terribly because Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other sons and treated him with special favor. So Joseph's brothers hated him and plotted against him. Ultimately, I used that situation for good, but both father and son had to endure years of suffering and separation from one another. I detest idolatry, even in the form of parental love, so beware of making a beloved child your idol. When you release loved ones to Me, you are free to cling to My hand. As you entrust others into My care, I am free to shower blessings on them. My Presence will go with them wherever they go, and I will give them rest. This same Presence stays with you as you relax and place your trust in Me.

Watch to see what I will do.

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made a richly ornamented robe for him. When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

GENESIS 37:3-4

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

EPHESIANS 3:20

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest"

EXODUS 33:14

Taken from Jesus Calling August 23



John Wesley became known for the saying,

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

That advice is as appropriate today as it was in Wesley's time.

### The Click of the Pruning Shears



*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

*John 15:8*

The firm "click" of the Gardener's pruning shears can be heard in our lives when . . . we are confined to a hospital room, we are fired from a job, we are moved to a new place, surrounded by strangers, we are isolated in a new job, surrounded by unbelievers.

Your purpose, and mine, is to bring glory to God. Jesus reiterated this purpose as He concluded His challenge to the disciples to be fruitful in service: "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

You will not bear much fruit unless and until you submit to the cutting and clipping of the Gardener. Therefore, when you resist His "gardening" in your life, what you are really doing is refusing to glorify God and therefore aborting the very purpose for your existence. Solemn thoughts, aren't they?

Taken from Joy of My Heart by Anne Graham Lotz