



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

Lesson 6 October 7, 2025

VICTORY IS AVAILABLE FOR
PRISONERS

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Genesis 39:20-22
- ❖ Psalm 102:18-22; 146:7
- ❖ Zechariah 9:11-12
- ❖ 1 John 5:4

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Acts 16:25-40

Background Reading

Genesis 39:20-22

20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

Psalms 108:18-22

18 This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth;

20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;

21 To declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.

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Background Reading

Psalms 146:7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners:

Zechariah 9:11-12

11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Devotional Reading

Acts 16:25-40

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

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Devotional Reading

Acts 16:25-40

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

35 And when it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.

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Devotional Reading

Acts 16:25-40

36 And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

38 And the serjeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.

39 And they came and besought them, and brought them out, and desired them to depart out of the city.

40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

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Central Verse

Psalm 69:33

**“For the Lord heareth the poor, and
despiseth not His prisoners.”**

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INTRODUCTION

God has made victory available for every person who desires victory and is willing to do what is required to obtain it. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). God gives His children hope, and He equips them with tools for fighting battles His way. Believers must remember that no one is perfect. All of God's children have made mistakes and bad decisions, as well as had failures and breakdowns. But they must be willing to learn from their mistakes and allow God to lead them to lives of victory.

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INTRODUCTION

In some societies, committing a crime and going to prison seems like the worst thing that anyone can do. Yes, it can be a bad occurrence, but once a person commits the crime and later pays for it by doing time in prison, they should not have to pay for the rest of their life. He should be able to know that God has love and mercy for His people even when they are prisoners.

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DISCUSSION

Many biblical characters made mistakes and later repented, and God used their lives mightily. People can become trapped in many prisons that are not physical. Some people are imprisoned by emotional chains, including loss of peace and love, and they get involved in evil deeds and habits, becoming trapped in the darkness of this world. These mental prisons leave people hurting and struggling to survive from day to day. But God wants to heal, deliver, and set every captive free. God's children get trapped in these various prisons because they fail to keep their eyes on Jesus Christ. They fail to remember that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. To win this race to victory, the believer must keep their eyes on the prize, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. God loves the poor, and He has compassion for the prisoners.

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DISCUSSION

"Victory" means a divine gift - a result of faith and obedience towards God. Victory is not limited to worldly accomplishments, but it also includes overcoming personal struggles, standing firm in the faith during trials, and committing to God in every way. Victory allows the believer to triumph over sin, as they realize that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. But, because of the love and the grace of God, he, the prisoner, can emerge victorious from life's fiercest storms and battles, because he has Jesus in his life. The prisoner must remember that victory was won when Jesus defeated death on the Cross, rose from the dead, and made eternal life available to all who believe.

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DISCUSSION

A prisoner's road may be marked by pain, suffering, rejection, failure, disappointment, and great sacrifice, but he can gain comfort, knowing that Jesus loves him and is waiting to embrace him when he surrenders his life to Him.

Anxiety and fear are very destructive emotions that many prisoners face when they recognize the uncertainties that they must face in life, but if they can confess their faults and anxieties to Jesus, He will help them to gain the upper hand and allow them to find a solution that will lead them to victorious, faith-filled lives. The prisons in our countries are filled with innocent people who were wrongly convicted of crimes that they didn't commit.

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DISCUSSION

Many of these men and women have suffered greatly, not understanding why God has allowed them to endure such perplexing times. Sometimes, they search for answers and can't find them, but they try to hold onto the fact that God has a purpose and a plan for their lives. Believers must constantly intercede for the men and women who are incarcerated in whatever prisons they are in. The prisoner's faith is often stretched to its limit; yet, the prisoner tries to persevere faithfully, resting in the assurance that God will ultimately give them victory and an eternal reward.

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DISCUSSION

We have the story of Joseph, who was wrongfully put in prison because of the hatred of others. He had to deal with separation from those who loved and cared for him and the uncertainty of what would happen to him. But, because he knew God, he was able to maintain a good spirit. Because of his good spirit, God gave him favor wherever he went. Joseph refused to allow his life to rob him of love, because love is a vital aspect of life to God. Believers must remember that if there is no love in their hearts and spirits, then there can be no victory.

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DISCUSSION

Life eventually causes all people to deal with tough times. Joseph, however, knew that to have victory, he had to overcome the tough times by maintaining a relationship with God. He refused Potiphar's wife because he wanted to maintain his walk with God. He refused to become bitter about what his brothers did to him because he understood that his life was in God's hands.

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CONCLUSION

Prisoners must learn and know that God is love and His love is the most powerful force that exists, and love never fails, because God never fails, and His love leads to victory. For anything that has you bound and is holding you as a prisoner, you are in spiritual warfare, and you need to declare the Word back to the enemy. Praying the Word of God is your defense against the enemy's attacks. God gives you all the power and authority over Satan and victory is yours. Declare and decree victory over your life daily.

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CONCLUSION

Prison is a place of confinement and limited freedom. It is a place of many restrictions, where evil spirits reside. It is a place where it's easy to become depressed, discouraged, and hopeless, but it can also become a place of victory. God took Joseph from the pit to the palace and allowed him to become a mighty man in Egypt, because Joseph allowed his life to be directed by God.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**Where there is no love, there is no
victory!**

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Deliverance From Bitterness