

Spiritual victory is a line not a dot

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Spiritual victory is a line, not a dot. By that I mean it's not a single attitude or action; it's a series of attitudes and actions which, over time, define who we are. If we drew it on a piece of paper, it would appear as a wavy line that goes up and down. Hopefully over time it trends upward. When it's heading down we can avoid discouragement by remembering our ultimate victory is determined, not by iron willed determination, but by Jesus.

In Galatians 2:20 Paul declared, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

The truth of this passage is profound. The power of the resurrected Christ dwells in every believer. Since that's true, there are three elements of spiritual victory:

Perspective

I'm a new person and I see myself differently. I'm united with Christ. The power of my sinful appetites has been broken and I no longer have to obey them. Like a sailor who has finished his term of duty and is no longer subject to the captain he served.

Presence

I'm not alone in my struggles. There is one beside me who knows my weakness and accepts me as I am. He is Jesus Christ, the slayer of sin and death.

Power

I have the power of the risen Christ living within me. I don't have to argue or fight with my sinful desires. When tempted, I can turn to Jesus and utilize his power for victory.

Read this blog throughout the day. As you do you'll feel your faith in Christ grow. And you'll sense an upward turn in your life-line.