SERIES TITLE: VICTORIOUS
PART TWO: **OVER DOMINATION**
TEXT: ROMANS 8:5-17

INTRODUCTION TO STUDY

This chapter of Romans is one of the great mountain peaks in all Scripture. It expresses some of God's most wonderful promises and inspires grateful praise. Over four weeks we will explore these themes of victory, which is life as God intended.

CONTEXT OF SCRIPTURE

Life in the Spirit needs some explaining. How does this life differ from our previous lives, lived in the selfishness of the flesh? How can we hope to live such peaceful lives that please God? And how is this all connected to Jesus and the work he did on the cross to save us? In this section, Paul's answers to these questions lead to an unexpected conclusion.

FOCUS QUESTION

Did someone ever bully you as a child, but then stopped when you grew older? Was it you who changed or the bully who changed or both?

EXAMINATION

vv.5-8 What are the contrasts between flesh and Spirit in these verses?

vv.9-11 What positive, encouraging truths and promises do you notice here?

vv.12-13 Since "putting to death the deeds of the body" is in the present tense, what does that mean for the Christian life?

vv.14-17 Which of these ministries of the Spirit bless you the most and why?

<u>Four Gifts the Spirit Gives You to Make Victory Possible:</u>

1. You have a new mind-set, vv.5-8

2. You have a new life NOW, vv.9-11

3. You have a new obligation, vv.12-13

4. You have a new identity, vv.14-17

EXPLORATION

- Psalm 119:1-16
- Luke 15:11-31
- Galatians 4:1-7
- Galatians 5:13-26
- 1 John 4:7-16

APPLICATION.

- How do you go about setting your mind on the things of the Spirit?
- What does that look like in everyday life?
- What do you think are some of the obstacles that keep us from enjoying the abundant life now that Jesus came to bring us?
- How do you battle sin as a Christian?
- Do you struggle with the concept that God unconditionally loves you, accepts you, and approves of you in Christ? If so, why?
- What needs to happen for you to overcome that?

SUMMATION

- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?