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Question: Are you a Victor or a victim?

I recently looked up the definition of the word victim. What the Lord showed me was illuminating and strengthening. I pray it will be for you too.

The first thing I noticed is the very next word in the dictionary after victim is victor.

Victim- 1. Someone who is put to death or subjected to torture or suffering by another. 2. A living creature slain or offered as a sacrifice to a deity or as a part of a religious rite. 3. One who is harmed or made to suffer from an act, circumstance, agency, or condition. 4. a person who suffers injury, loss or death as a result of a voluntary undertaking. 5. A person who is tricked, swindled, or taken advantage of; a dupe.

Victor- 1. One who defeats or vanquishes an adversary; the winner in a fight, battle or war. 2. A winner of a contest or struggle.

Then I noticed both words are derived from the same root word, weik. The appendix of the dictionary basically gives the origin, history and usage of a word. Check this out!! First, the definition corresponding with the word victim:

Weik- In words connected with magic and religious notions. 1. divination, sorcery, guile cunning, trickery, craftiness and wile. 2. wicca, wizard, and witch. To cast a spell, bewitch. 3. Animal used as a sacrifice, victim.

Then the same word weik and it's corresponding usage to the word victor.

Weik- to conquer, famous in war, loud, famous. To conquer or vanquish, victor.

There are several references to the word victim in the Old Testament but none in the New Testament. The ultimate victimization would have been at Calvary. The flesh-clothed Sovereign of the Universe allowed Himself to be offered as a sacrifice for sin and separation from God. The enemy killed Him thinking he had won BUT OUR VICTORY was sealed that day.

This was prophesied in Isaiah 25: 8&9 "he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The Lord has spoken."

The New Testament reference to this is I Cor. 15: 55-57 "O death, where is your sting? O grave where is your victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

I John 5:4&5, 11-12 "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"
"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life."

Remember David's words in I Samuel chapter 17 as he stood facing Goliath. Verse 47 reads, "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the **battle is the Lord's**, and He will give all of you into our hands." The battle is the Lord's but the **VICTORY IS OURS!!**

Somebody said about me one day that I was a victim of cancer. I have been a victim of a gunshot wound!! (that, is a whole other part of my testimony) If that ever happens again I will have to correct them. I **WILL NOT** allow my victory, bought and paid for by my precious Savior, to be twisted or perverted. I will appropriate my faith in His love for me and walk in victory. I believe the enemy of our soul is trying to victimize every one of us whether by circumstances under our control or not, things that may have happened in the past or are happening today. Let's never allow ourselves to be offered as a sacrifice or victimized by anything.

Which will you choose? victim or **VICTOR**

I love you today,

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