

VICTORY OVER VICTIMHOOD

KEY TEACHINGS

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INTRODUCTION

John and Ingrid Huizing have served in ministry for nearly 40 years, starting Family of Faith Church in Red Deer, Alberta (1992), transitioning to Impact Nations Ministries (2016), and now training pastors and planting churches globally. All five of their children are actively serving God in various ministry capacities.



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KEY TEACHING #1

CHOOSE VICTORY, NOT VICTIMHOOD

"We are born again. We are born of the greatest victory. Being a victim does not work. You can't be in victory and walk as a victim. You got to pick one."

The Core Truth:

- »»» Christians are born of the greatest victory—Christ's resurrection
- »»» We are seated with Christ in heavenly places in a place of authority
- »»» Today's culture celebrates victimhood—the opposite of Christianity
- »»» Victory and victimhood cannot coexist—you must choose one

Action Steps:

- »»» Start each day declaring: *"I am born of victory. I choose to walk as an overcomer today."*
- »»» When challenges arise, ask yourself: *"Am I responding as a victim or from a place of authority in Christ?"*
- »»» Reject victim language in your speech. Replace *"This always happens to me"* with *"I have authority over this situation."*



KEY TEACHING #2

STAY UNOFFENDED AT ALL COSTS

"You really have to stay out of anger and offence. Keep a heart that is open to the Lord and open to others. You have to do it five, six, seven times a day for the same situation—choose the Word, choose to walk in love."

The Core Truth:

- »»» Offense is a choice, not an automatic response
- »»» Pride makes you vulnerable to offense—humility protects you
- »»» Staying unoffended requires constant, conscious decisions throughout the day
- »»» "Great peace have they which love thy law"
(Psalm 119:165)

The Example: The Canaanite Woman (Matthew 15)

When seeking healing for her daughter, she faced three opportunities for offense:

- »»» Jesus didn't answer her at all
- »»» Jesus said He wasn't sent to her people
- »»» Jesus used what was essentially a racial slur, calling her a dog



Instead of taking offense, she responded with humility: “*Okay, if you want me to be a dog, I’ll be a dog. Even dogs get the crumbs under the table.*”

Result: Jesus said, “*Woman, great is your faith! Be it done to you as you desire.*” Her daughter was healed instantly.

ACTION STEPS:

- »»» When hurt or disappointed, immediately choose to forgive—before the feeling sets in
- »»» Keep a short account. Don’t let offense accumulate over days or weeks
- »»» Practice humility daily: “*Lord, You are the head. I will follow You.*”
- »»» Remember: You can’t be offended unless you’re in pride. When tempted to be offended, check your heart for pride



KEY TEACHING #3

MAKE A QUALITY DECISION FOR THE LONG HAUL

"You really have to make a quality decision. I'm in this for the long haul. You have to know God's called you. Then you say, 'Lord, you are the head of this church. I will follow you and do as you say.' That's the first dedication."

The Core Truth:

- »»» Ministry, marriage, and calling require settled commitment, not emotional decision-making
- »»» You must know you're called before you can endure the inevitable challenges
- »»» Challenges will come: people will leave, get angry, criticize you
- »»» When your commitment is to Christ (not circumstances), you can weather any storm

ACTION STEPS:

- »»» Write down your calling and commitment. Make it specific and dated
- »»» When challenges arise, return to your written commitment—not your feelings
- »»» Regularly declare: "Lord, You are the head. I'm following You, not building my own kingdom."



KEY TEACHING #4

INTRODUCE YOUR KIDS TO JESUS BEFORE MINISTRY

“Introduce your kids to Jesus before you introduce them to ministry.”

—Joel Huizing

The Core Truth:

- »»» Children in ministry families can know religious activity without knowing Jesus personally
- »»» Your first place of ministry is your home—the people you see every day
- »»» Minister to your family through their highs and lows with love and without offense
- »»» Teach your children to never be offended and never to take offense

ACTION STEPS:

- »»» Prioritize personal devotion and prayer time with your children over church activities
- »»» Model genuine relationship with God at home, not just religious performance
- »»» Teach your children that offense is a choice and train them to forgive quickly
- »»» Give your children the choice and teach them the power of choosing wisely



KEY TEACHING #5

MEASURE BY HOW MANY YOU SEND, NOT GATHER

"A church should not be measured by how many get in, but how many are sent."

The Core Truth:

- »»» Kingdom success is measured by multiplication, not accumulation
- »»» The goal is to equip and release people into their callings
- »»» God is raising up families to take the Word of faith to the uttermost parts of the earth

ACTION STEPS:

- »»» Shift your metrics from attendance to deployment
- »»» Intentionally train and equip people for their unique callings, not just your vision
- »»» Celebrate when people leave to fulfill their calling as much as when they join



DECLARATION OVER YOUR LIFE

From John and Ingrid's closing prayer, declare these truths over yourself:

- »»» I have the spirit of wisdom to know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the hope of my calling
- »»» God has invested immense greatness—an inheritance—into me
- »»» I am seated with Christ in heavenly places in a place of authority
- »»» I am far above every principality and power, sickness, disease, lack, and curse
- »»» I am strong in the Lord, strong in the Word, strong in the spirit of faith
- »»» The Word is precious and dear to my heart
- »»» I will know the breadth, depth, and height of God's love
- »»» I am salt in the earth and a bright light that shines far into this dark time



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**You Are Called.
You Are Equipped.
You Are Victorious.**

Now walk in it.



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