# **Victory of Faith**

The Story of Jesus that Luke tells offers beautiful human-interest stories of people who experienced a transformative encounter with the Christ that forever redefined the trajectory of their lives!
Jesus did life among the Jews. He was



Jewish. Yet he challenged these people who had an existing faith in God to look deeper into their Faith! Luke tells stories of the Victory of Faith.

For your further personal studies, consider the stories below of ...

# **Additional Victorious Stories from Luke:**

#### Victory over Trials. 6:20-36.

Jesus shares with His listeners practical guidelines for victorious living that we sometimes call the Beatitudes.

## Victory over Death. 7:11-17.

Jesus encounters a widow who has just lost her only son. He demonstrates his power over death itself! Note the emotional response of the onlookers: great fear.

#### Victory over Nature. 8:22-25.

Jesus show his power over nature by calming a storm so violent that men raised as fishermen on this very lake are terrified. Having done so, he then poses a critical question: "Where is your faith?" Good question! Answer it!

# Victory over the Supernatural. 8:26-39.

Jesus also demonstrates his power over the supernatural world of demons. He heals a man infested with a "legion" of demons. Once he receives healing, his instructions from Jesus are clear: "Go home!" What does that mean to you?

#### Victory over Limitations. 9:1-6; 10:1-20.

Jesus sends out His disciples with power and authority and a task to complete, but He sends them out with nothing; no resources. Why would He do that? What's to be learned?

## **Victory over Limitations ... Again.** 9:10-17.

Jesus feeds 5000+ people. The crowd size means nothing to Jesus. So why does He say to the disciples, "You feed them"? Why might this be a point of victory for us?

#### **Victory over Control.** 9:21-27; 57-62.

Here, Jesus is essentially saying, "To be a follower of me, you must take up my cross; let go; release control; stop thinking that you're in control". And in the midst of this message, He is clearly saying, "The Kingdom is NOW!" How is this a victory for us?

## Victory Found in God's Plan. 10:21-24.

Jesus rejoices that the message is in the hands of the ordinary folk! What kind of Grand Plan is that?! Again, how is this a story of victory for us?

#### **Victory Found in Honest Prayer.** 11:1-13.

Here is what we commonly refer to as "The Lord's Prayer." What do you learn about the nature of God in these verses?

# Victory Found in Worth. 12:1-12; 17:5.

Jesus gives us value! Trusting Him alone is what gives us worth. The Jesus is posed the question, "Show us how to increase our faith," and so Jesus again spoke of the mustard seed. Connect the dots. How does this make sense?

## Victory in Knowing the Master. 12:35-48.

The faithful wise servant was victorious solely on what he knew about the Master.

## Victory in Being Found! 15:1-30.

Jesus told story after story about how important it is to Him for His follower to know THIS: He will do *whatever* is necessary in order to find us when we're lost. It's at His very core. How do you find victory in that truth?