

GOOD NEWS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Missions Today

Here in America, millions of people do not believe in God, many of them are against The Church, The Bible, pastors, and of course, our Lord Jesus Christ.

You, as a devoted believer, see them everywhere, in your neighborhood, your workplace, and in the marketplace. You can't tell what people believe. Nowadays, here in our country, more people do not want to surrender to the authority of our Lord God. They refuse to go to worship our Lord in church. Some of them one day heard something about God and Jesus, maybe in their childhood. But now, most of them care basically for one thing, and that is for material things.

Our job, fulfilling the Great Commission, is to reach them for our Lord. Sometimes it seems like it is an impossible mission. It is almost impossible for us, because more and more, as society advances, people can get jobs and make money to take care of their needs. People slowly begin to create in their minds the idea that their future is totally in their hands. They don't need anyone. They don't need God, and if they do a good job, and make good money, everything is going to be alright. In this way, the decent citizens find in their minds a solution to their problems. They create in their minds a false God, and that is when they put all of their trust in their own abilities.

On the other hand, you find the group of people who struggle in life for whatever reason. Many of them are slaves to alcohol and drugs, and many of them are messed up in their heads when it comes to their sexual lives. This group of people chose to go to the dark side, which is more defiantly going against the Lord God, and decency. An enormous amount of people become involved in the drug business, and many of them are criminals who end up in prison or a cemetery.

Here we are, we, the sons and daughters of our Lord God Almighty, The Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, trying to find ways to reach out to all of them, with the hope that maybe someone can be saved. That is exactly the heart of the missionary work.

We certainly need to continue training our church members, and leaders of the church, with the knowledge of the Word of God. That is also part of the Great Commission, after they get baptized, of course. But today I would like you and I to take some time to reflect about what we can do together to save souls.

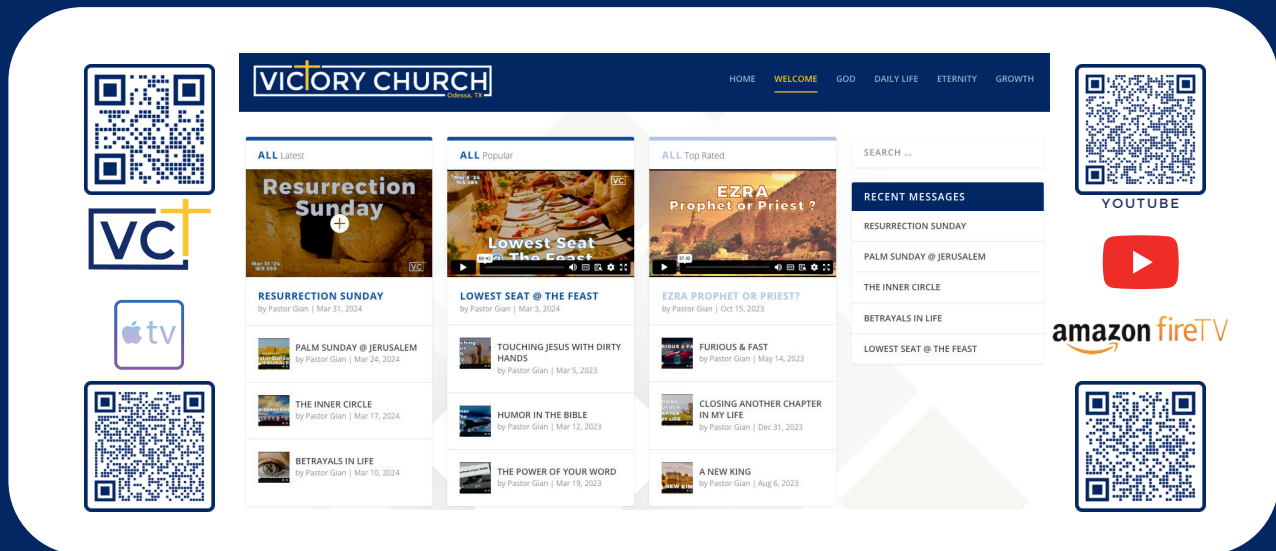
First of all, we don't want any of our children or grandchildren to go out of the Will of God, to start going in the wrong direction, and get lost in this world and sin, far away from God and church. That is why we must persist in working diligently in our hearts as parents, and grandparents, to lead the next generation on the right path. If, for any reason, any of your children or grandchildren have gone stray, that is exactly where you need to start: praying for them, reaching out, looking for reconciliation and restoration. In fervent prayer interceding for the life of those that somehow the Holy Spirit will bring them back to our Lord God and a local church.



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Humility is not a popular topic among people. Being humble is not what you want to hear. Being humble and meek is not what speakers or writers like to talk about, because the majority of people want the opposite. People want to be recognized, served and obeyed. But what does our Lord Jesus say? To occupy the lowest seat at the feast. March 3.



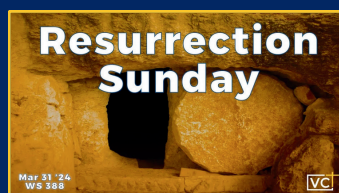
Betrayal inflicts deeper wounds when it comes from those we trust most. Imagine the pain of betrayal by a spouse, a child, or even by parents. Such betrayal leaves lasting scars that may endure a lifetime. Whether you find yourself as the betrayer or the betrayed, this experience arrives with a profound purpose. Choosing to forgive those who have wronged you, and placing your trust in the unchanging nature of God, can provide healing and restoration of your life and your relationships. March 10.



Our Lord Jesus exemplified that true leadership is about serving people, rather than giving orders. Out of His 12 disciples, He chose 3 to become His "Inner Circle". Reflect on this message about how our Lord Jesus teaches us Biblical Leadership through His personality, character, and selfless actions, which can inspire you to approach leadership from a transformative perspective. March 17.



To fully walk in the forgiveness of God and Eternal Life, you must be willing to renounce earthly desires. Our Lord Jesus offers Eternal Life to those who embrace Him. Simply believe and follow His teachings as the Son of God who came to redeem humanity. Keep listening to, and obeying God's Word, and the Holy Spirit will lead you always. March 24.



You can read great passages of the Bible as the evidence of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus. This message contains a great ordered compilation of Scriptures, which makes the Resurrection easier to comprehend. And yet, you will listen to the Heart of God about what He wants for you and everyone else on Earth: To be saved and going to Heaven. March 31.

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With your immediate family, you need to be more patient than with anybody else and resist the idea of bombarding them with Scriptures or things related to the church. What they need more than anything is your love, your kindness, your generosity, and your willingness to be there for them no matter what. Patiently wait while you pray for them, trusting in the Lord that the miracle will happen in their hearts. Wait patiently.

Second, you need to closely pay attention to individuals who are around you most of the time, whether it is in your neighborhood, your workplace, and of course, family and friends. Again, you must pray and intercede for them. With them, you can communicate more openly about the Scripture, and eventually, give them materials that they can read, listen to, or watch. Don't be afraid, neither pushy.

Thirdly, you have the rest of the people who you are in contact with once in a while. The Holy Spirit will lead you to say what you need to say to them with more liberty, and also to provide them materials to read, listen to, or watch. Because you have nothing to lose. It is the opposite, you can save a soul easily when you are reaching out to a stranger in a very unplanned circumstance. Anybody, amid an unplanned situation, might be willing to listen to you about God, the Bible, or Jesus. You just need to be brave and remember that your job is not to judge them, but to lead them to read, listen to, or watch something that was prepared by a pastor. Those materials come from the heart of God, that one day, the Lord, led a minister to prepare to bring light into the hearts of those who are in darkness. You do not disrespect anyone by sharing with others your beliefs. Use tact, and with consideration and love, the Lord will use you. Save a soul whenever you can.

Finally, you can help save souls when you are willing to provide money to any missionary, any church, or any organization that is doing precisely this, saving souls, and reaching out to the community the ways that they can. You must understand that not all churches are designed to do the same work. Every group has its own calling, and every missionary also has his own target. We, pastors, cannot reach everybody in a city. Some people are not going to like one pastor, but they might like somebody else.

Victory Church Odessa was founded with these principles, the desire of God to save souls. We do our best locally to show to our community that we care, by helping the needy, ministering to people in hospitals, in prisons, and helping them when they are in crisis. But we also have a desire to reach out to others who are not necessarily in West Texas, and that is why we put extra effort into our video platforms.

For the last months, we have been releasing messages in Arabic, Urdu, Swahili, and in French. For years, we have been reaching out to the Hispanic community with messages in Spanish. There is no day without our active presence online, we are committed to preaching the Word of God all the time. We are very disciplined about it, the good Lord gives us what we need to create with these kinds of materials. We receive testimonials constantly from people in different parts of the world, thanking us for our teachings in their language. Recently we have received requests from some countries that want to start churches under the umbrella of Victory Church Odessa. Precisely for that reason, we are creating our strategy for it.

At the same time, we also care so much for the children, and we are so close to releasing the videos prepared especially for them. Initially, this will be done in English only.

And besides all that, we are extremely happy with our 24/7 broadcast audio and video. Explore it by going to our website vchurch.us and connect with YouTube. On our website, you can also find out how you can install our TV app for Roku TV, Apple TV, Firestick Amazon TV, and soon Samsung TV.

Many blessings!



Jesus Wept (John 11.35)

Everyone pretty much knows this verse. Here, Jesus, the God-in-the-flesh, wept in front of Lazarus' tomb.

Jesus was NOT weeping because of despair over the death of His friend, Lazarus. He KNEW that He would raise Lazarus from the dead. So why then was Jesus weeping?

Jesus was not crying because He was weak. One reason He cried is because He SAW the grief of those around Him. In verse 32 it says that Mary bowed at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." In verse 33 it says, "When Jesus saw Mary crying, AND the people with her crying too, He was very upset and deeply troubled." He had so much compassion for not only Mary but also for the people. Even though He knew that He was about to bring Lazarus back from the dead, Jesus was affected by the sorrow that everyone was experiencing.

Just as in this passage, our Heavenly Father cares very much for us, and has so much compassion for us.

Are you moved when others experience deep grief? Does it move you at all? Do you show compassion toward people even if it does not directly affect your life? Are you compassionate toward those whose lives are shattered by sorrow?

Sometimes people complain about God, not knowing that He has a plan. Because they only think of themselves, they are upset, they are frustrated, and they cannot see the big picture like the Lord God can.

Show compassion by going to the hospital when people are sick. Bring food to people at home when they don't have any. Write a nice card to someone and bring it in person to the needy one to show your love for them, or mail it if you can't visit them for any reason

Let's show compassion toward others...

~Tracy

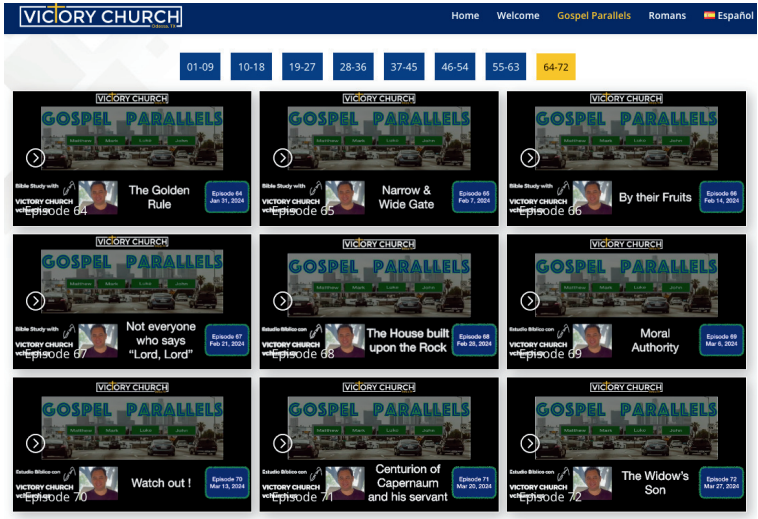


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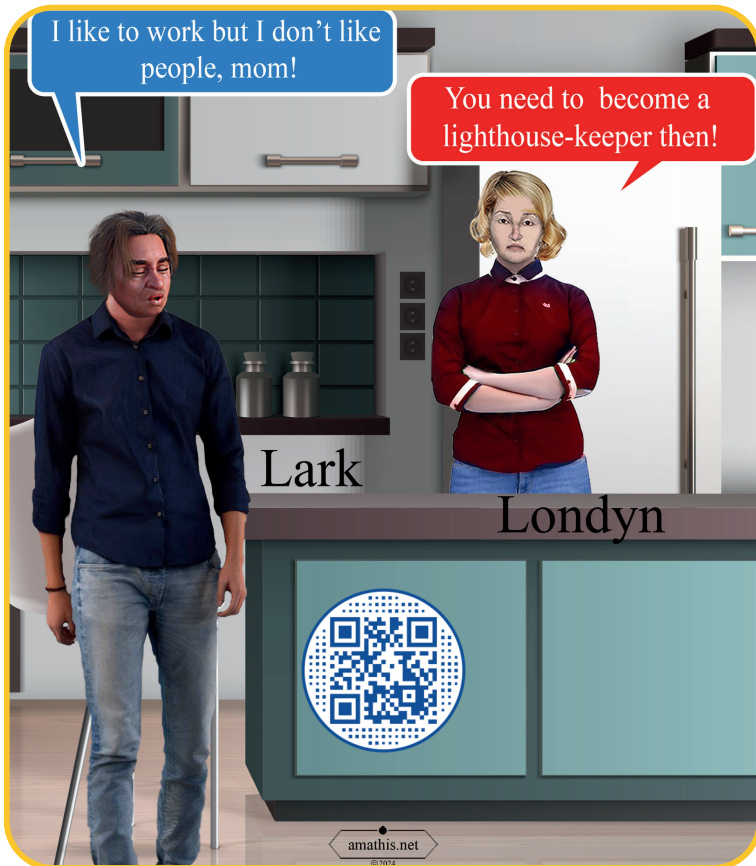
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TOPIC	EPISODE # ON	DESCRIPTION
Moral Authority	69 on 3/6/24	People in general are tired of listening to preachers who do not have any moral authority. The same thing happened during the times of the Lord Jesus, with Pharisees and religious leaders. They were just talking and talking but their lives were horrible. Today we need more leaders, preachers, and pastors to live lives that inspire us because their authority is based precisely in their moral authority.
Watch out!	70 on 3/13/24	Many Christians today live just to pass by. They see church and Christianity like a checklist. This is done, this is done, this is done. But there is no heart in what they do. Watch out my friend, that is not what the Lord God wants. He wants our whole heart.
Centurion of Capernaum and his servant	71 on 3/20/24	You don't find, quite often, leaders that are firm, but at the same time, compassionate. The Lord Jesus was amazed with the faith of this particular army officer. Do you know what was the key in this? The faith of this army officer was connected with his obedience to authority. What about you? Do you truly obey the authority of God? If you do, you exercise a lot of faith in every aspect of your life.
The Widow's son	72 on 3/27/24	When the Lord Jesus saw this woman suffering for the death of her son, He immediately thought about the future with his mother, Mary. The Lord God knows about your feelings and emotions, concerns, and worries. Never ever doubt that He understands your feelings, my friend. Just as the Lord Jesus had compassion for this widow, He can show you compassion, as well.

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What is it to follow Jesus ?	73 on 4/3/24
Calming the Storm	74 on 4/10/24
Demons sent into the pigs	75 on 4/17/24
Healing a Paralytic	76 on 4/24/24



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APRIL SCHEDULE



Is there truly only one way to go to Heaven? What about God respecting our free will?

April 7



What happens when you are extremely disappointed?

April 14



If you want to know the order of events on the "End of Times".

April 21



Is a believer saved forever? Can you lose your salvation?

April 28

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