# Victory's 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary We Love Our Members

# **Text: 1 Corinthians 12:18** *But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.*

**Introduction:** In the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Church, the Body of Christ was born! When we receive Jesus, we are born again into Jesus' Resurrected Body. Now we are individually connected together and loving members one of another. As He is supernatural so are we!

From the day that God spoke to me to go back to Delaware in 1983, I was sold out to work through Jesus and Build His Church! From the depth of my spirit came a fatherhood of an indestructible, loving, supporting people that all would be built on the Revelation of Jesus Christ living through them.

# His mission: "On this Rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail!" Mark 16:18

Now we are Victory Christian Fellowship, God's Holy Spirit empowered church where every member fully expresses their calling and together we increase the Kingdom of God on Earth and love every person into His Church. And, we are debt free!!!!!

# **COUNT DOWN TO 40 IS ON!**

# 1. The greatest influence of all: "The Love of God"

#### A. God loves you!

**1 John 4:15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

# B. We love you!

**1 John 5:1 NLT** "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too."

#### C. We live to serve you!

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, <u>but by love serve one another</u>. <sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

#### 2. God's Plan - I want to be your Pastor and see that your life eternally counts!

1 Corinthians 3:10 NLT Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. <sup>16</sup> Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? <sup>17</sup> God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, "He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness."

# 3. Find your FIT and FUNCTION in Victory

**Romans 12:5-13 NLT** so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

- Become a child of God and experience New Life
- Become a member of Victory and watch your life, your family, your future go from glory to glory by the Holy Spirit!

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Worship God with your first-fruits, tithes, offerings, and sacrifices.

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- **Exodus 35:4** And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, <sup>5</sup> Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,
- **Exodus 35:20** And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. <sup>21</sup> And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. <sup>22</sup> And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.