

## Rescuing Victims!

### A. Creating Victims

1. Medicine is the science and art dealing with the maintenance of health, and the prevention, alleviation, or cure of disease.
2. Medicine requires victims
3. Doctors require disease
4. Medical model works for disease.  
Strep Throat  
Coronary Artery Disease.
5. The medical industrial complex needs victims.
6. Medical model victimhood does not work without pathology
7. Being a victim has adverse effects.
8. A certified victim. A case history.

### B. Defining Victims

1. Victim Definition:
  - a. living being sacrificed to a deity or in the performance of a religious rite.
  - b. one acted on and adversely affected by a force or agent OR one that is injured, destroyed or sacrificed under any of various conditions.
  - c. one that is subjected to oppression hardship, or mistreatment
  - d. one that is tricked or duped.
2. Victim education began in the 1980's with NIMH public education program for depression.

3. Disease and victim status has been conferred to many undesirable behaviors including:

Substance abuse	Gender identity disorder
Social phobia	Pathologic gambling
Generalized anxiety disorder	Rhinotillexomania
PTSD	Pyromania
ODD	Kleptomania
ADHD	Reading disorder
Somatization disorder	Mathematics disorder
Body dysmorphic disorder	Writing disorder
Impulse control disorders	Intermittent explosive disorder

All of these have codes. And there is V.62.89 for religious or spiritual problems!

## C. Biblical View of Victims

1. There are five short steps to victim status that pretty much everyone follows:
  - a. There is an inciting event or a cause,
  - b. Suspend or set aside truth as the sole guide to your behavior.
  - c. Become discontent with your current state.
  - d. Choose to do wrong in response to your discontentment.
  - e. Reject the call of God to repent.
2. The First Victims: Adam and Eve, Genesis 3:1-7
3. Cain took the fifth! Genesis 4:1-7
4. Victims always act like victims. Genesis 3:9-11, 4:11-14.

## D. Avoiding Victim Status: Joseph. Genesis 37-50

1. Assume Joseph to be what the text says, a good man.
2. He faced adversity.
3. When his brothers came and bowed, he took care of them.
4. He summed up avoiding victimhood in Genesis 50:20.
5. Joseph avoid being a victim by:
  - a. Once there is an inciting event or a cause,  
*Joseph had more inciting events or causes to get depressed than most people in this room.*
  - b. Suspend or set aside truth as the guide to your behavior.  
*He refused to interpret those events in any other way than you meant it for evil, God meant it for Good. This is the forerunner of Romans 8:28-29*
  - c. Become discontent with your current state.  
*He refused to manifest discontent in whatever state God put him.*
  - d. Choose to do wrong in response to your discontentment.  
*He refused to respond to the wrong done him with evil in return. He did not go to bed with Potiphar's wife. He did not sin against God because something bad happened to him.*
  - e. You can reject the call of God to repent.  
*Does not apply to Joseph.*
6. Joseph simply chose to return good for the evil done to him.  
Romans 12:19

## E. Escaping Victimhood.

How does my 60 year old friend get out of this pit?

1. She has to take another look at her inciting causes.  
1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 8:28-29
2. Instead of suspending truth to make her decisions she must cling to it. John 17:17.
  - a. Truths: God loves her (Rom. 5:8). This needs to be emphasized in every session or meeting. Different verses same message.
  - b. Genesis 50:20 is a heartbreaker and is needed.

- c. God is wise and sovereign (1 Cor. 1:25).  
God intends all things for our good (Jer. 29:11).  
God is trustworthy (John 14:1).  
She is responsible to do good no matter what the  
circumstance (1 Peter 3:9).
3. Instead of being discontent with her state, she must learn biblical contentment. Phil. 4:11-19
4. Choose to do right in the face of adversity not wrong!
5. She had chosen anger and worry. She must deal with that biblically.
6. She must give up her need to be declared “right” and her need to get even! Romans 12:17-21.
7. She must abandon the victim grid when responding to not getting her way or being told “no.”
8. She gets to repent. What a privilege to change your mind when you are killing yourself with evil thinking and behavior!
9. She must depend on God’s grace to do all of this.
10. She won’t change alone.  
Church, Small Group, Friends, Loved ones, Accountability Sisters.