

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR OUR MINISTRY?

RLJ-1164

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### PART 4: VICTORY OR DEFEAT?

#### WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED SO FAR

1. Jesus Christ is the foundation of any ministry. **John 15:1-5; 1 Corinthians 3:11**
2. Sharing the Gospel is a must for each believer in Christ. **Matthew 28:18-20**
3. Most likely we have entered the beginning of the tribulation period which I believe will last some 42 years. For more details, see the outline for RLJ-1162. **2 Thessalonians 2:1-13; Revelation 17:8-13**
4. We are to destroy the works of the Devil. **1 John 3:8**
5. Do not be a friend of the world. **James 4:1-4**

#### VICTORY OR DEFEAT?

As you look toward the future, it is important to realize that the outcome of your life will depend upon the kind of decisions you make today. **Joshua 24:12-16; Daniel 3:12-30**

It is one thing to walk with God when there is peace and tranquility but there is another circumstance when we face the choice of life or death. **Daniel 6:10-28**

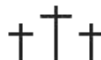
Jesus warned His disciples that following Him would not be easy but full of conflicts and a constant need to make correct decisions. **Matthew 10:32-39**

#### WHAT IS VICTORY?

Let us look at Moses, the man of God. He started out with a death threat on his life as soon as he was born. The political situation in Egypt forced his mother to abandon him. He was raised by a princess who adopted him as her own son. He never forgot his roots and as a prince of Egypt, and when he went to Goshen to visit his family, he ended up killing an Egyptian guard. He had to flee and live for the next 40 years as a shepherd in the desert. At 80 years old he was called by God to lead the rescue of his people out of Egypt. He saw awesome miracles but also experienced great heartaches when the people turned on him, betrayed him and provoked him to sin when they made him angry. He was allowed to see the Promised Land but not enter it with his physical body. He was buried at the age of 120 by God himself. **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Moses ended his life in victory but experienced a number of defeats during his life time:

- ❖ Fleeing as a murderer. **Exodus 2:10-15**



❖ Becoming a shepherd for 40 years. **verses 16-22**

***Moses didn't know in advance how his life would end! Nor did he know if the mission of bringing Israel out of Egypt into the Promised Land would be successful.***

***Moses had to live just like us, ONE DAY AT THE TIME!***

***But Moses finished the task given him and finished victoriously.***

***Why? Because Moses had faith in God! Hebrews 11:23-29***

**DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?**