

Sermon Notes

Life Notes

Game Plan: Faith for the Field of Life
"We Are Better Together"
1 Corinthians 12:12-20,27

Opener:
Explain 1 Corinthians 12:14, "The body is not made up of one part, but of many."

Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

- What do you think about the T.E.A.M. acronym? Together Each Achieves Ministry?
- A couple more acronyms: B.I.B.L.E.
 - Bible Information Bringing Life Eternal
 - Bible Instructions Before Leaving Earth
- What's the difference between spiritual gifts at the beginning of chapter 12 and the body parts in the middle verses?
- Spiritual gifts are ranked, body parts are not. Is there a reason for that?
- The greatest spiritual gift in chapter 13 is love. A feeling or actions?
- What is the secret to being content?

Live It: *(Applying to Our Lives)*

- Using a body part, what do you think you will be doing for the body, the church in the next month?
- What happened to us all that made us a (body) part of the church?
- Can a Christian make it alone in the world? Why or why not?
- What kind of impact does 1 John 3:1 have on you? "See what great love the Father has . . . We are called children of God"?

Daily Bible Readings (September 20-26)

Sun:	James 1:27	Religion That is Pure
Mon:	Amos 5:21-24	Religious, but No Justice
Tues:	James 1:26	Religious but No Control
Wed:	James 1:21	The Planted Word
Thurs:	1 Corinthians 12:12	Many Parts, One Body
Fri:	1 Corinthians 13:13	The Greatest is Love
Sat:	1 Corinthians 14:1	Follow the Way of Love

Upcoming Week

Sunday, September 20
8:30-11am Coffee & Fellowship, FH
8am Worship & Communion, WC
9:30am Worship, WC
10:45am Discovering Victory

Monday, September 21
9-11:30am Food Pantry
12:30-2:30pm GriefShare, CH

Tuesday, September 22
7pm AA Men's Meeting, C5

Wednesday, September 23
9am Feed My Starving Children (off-site)
Bus leaves @ 8am

9-11:30am Food Pantry
10am Men's Bible Study, C1
12:30pm Al-Anon, C4

Thursday, September 24
7am Men's Breakfast Fellowship @ IHOP (off-site)
10am Prayer Group, B7
11am Al-Anon Meeting, C5

Friday, September 25
OFFICE CLOSED
7:30pm Come From Away Musical (off-site)
Bus leaves @ 6:15pm

Saturday, September 26
8am Men's Bible Study, FS
4pm Worship, WC

CH = Chapel
FH = Fellowship Hall
C5 = Fireside Room
NR = Nursery
WC = Worship Center
C4 = Community Room

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GAME PLAN

FAITH FOR THE FIELD OF LIFE

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2026

We Are Better Together
1 Corinthians 12:12-20,27



Todd Mathison, Lead Pastor
Dirk Duhlstine, Chaplain
Kristin Holton Prouty, Director of Worship & Music

 Connect with us!

GOD TIME: You Have a Place at Victory
Pastor Todd Mathison

There's an old saying often heard in military circles: "Two is one, and one is none." It points to the wisdom of not relying upon a single resource. Ecclesiastes expresses an even deeper truth about our relationships: "Two are better than one" (Ecclesiastes 4:9).

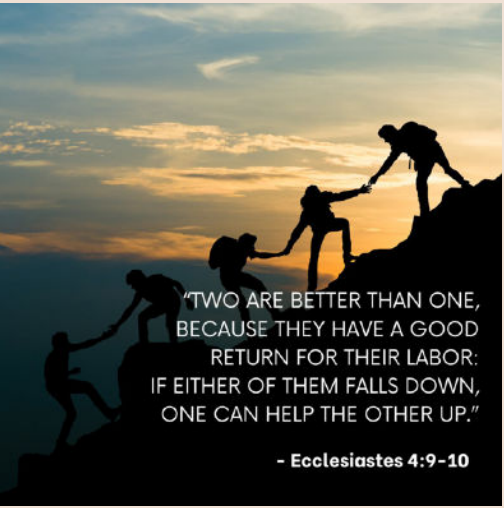
God did not design us to go through life—or follow Jesus—alone. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul describes the Church as a human body. A body has many different parts, yet every part belongs. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you." And one part cannot decide it is unimportant simply because it has a different role. Paul writes, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

That means you are not an unnecessary part of Christ's Church. You belong. God has given you gifts to share, and someone needs the grace He intends to give through you.

Perhaps your gift is encouragement, hospitality, prayer, generosity, teaching, listening, or quietly serving behind the scenes. You may not consider your contribution important, but God does. When each person offers what God has placed into their hands, the Church becomes a living expression of Christ's love.

Following Jesus was never meant to be a solo mission. Together, each doing our part, we strengthen one another and become the living, working body of Christ.

So, take one faithful step. **PICK UP** a Volunteer Brochure at the Welcome Center and prayerfully consider how your gifts might bless others. Or explore our website to find a small group that may be a great fit for you. Then reach out and make that connection. At Victory, there is a place for you. You belong—and in Christ, we truly are better together.



GATHER TIME: Choir and Handbell Ensembles

As we begin the fall season of worship and fellowship, we are excited to announce that our Choir and Handbell Ensembles will be returning! Music is a vital part of our worship life, and these groups offer a wonderful opportunity to share your gifts, grow in community, and help lead our congregation in praise. Whether you are a seasoned musician or simply enjoy making music with others, we would love to welcome you.

If you are interested in singing with the choir, ringing with the handbells, or learning more about our music ministry opportunities, please contact Kristin Holton Prouty at kprouty@victorylutheran.com. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us as we make joyful music together and enrich the worship life of our church. We look forward to sharing this new season with you!



GO TIME: Something new at Victory!

You may have noticed something new outside Victory! Our new digital sign is now up and running! Our original electronic sign was installed on May 28, 2014, and after more than 12 years of faithfully serving Victory, it was beginning to fail and wasn't working as reliably as it once did.

The new sign brings brighter, clearer images and much better resolution, giving us the opportunity to connect with the thousands of people who pass by our church each week. More than simply announcing events and activities, this sign is a way to let people know that there is a church here—a place where they can find community, experience God's love, and call home. We're excited about this new tool and the many ways God can use it to invite, encourage, and point people to Jesus!

Check out our before-and-after photos! 😊



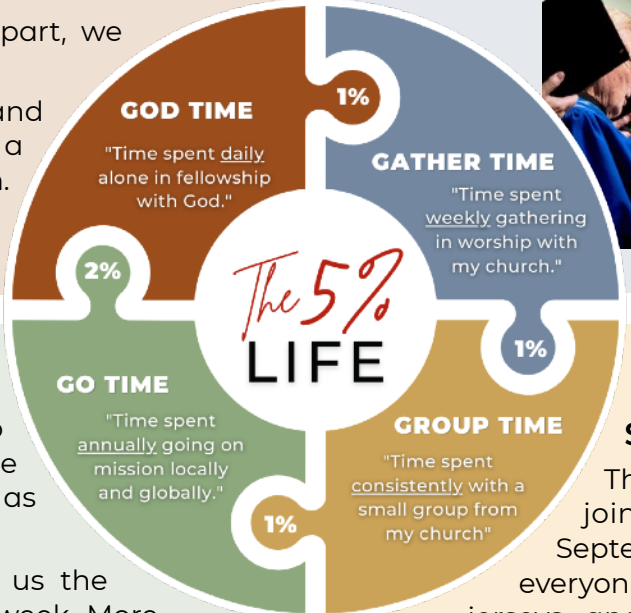
Old Sign - Modules failing



September 15, 2026 - New panels installed



New Sign!



GROUP TIME: Tailgate Potluck
September 6, 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our potluck on September 6th! We loved seeing everyone sporting their favorite team jerseys and enjoying great food and fellowship together. A special thank you to everyone who brought food to share, and to the Mesa City Band for providing wonderful entertainment. We appreciate everyone who helped make the afternoon so much fun!

