



Jubilee 2021

# JUBILEE JOURNAL



# Introduction

The week of Jubilee is an important week in the life of our church. It's not just an event or a special annual conference. Though the event itself is significant and integrates many important practices into our year, the intent behind Jubilee is what makes it unique. It is our motive behind this time that makes it most important.

## Why do we celebrate Jubilee?

The purpose of celebrating the week of Jubilee is two-fold: as a church, we set aside this one week every year to, first, **remember what God has done in the past year**, giving thanks to Him; and second, **listen for the direction He gives us**.

## Thanksgiving

Too often we let life move on so fast we do not take time to remember the powerful things God has done for us, and when we don't remember, we aren't practicing thanksgiving. It's in the thanksgiving that we experience His work more fully.

**Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)** As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

Even though ten lepers were healed miraculously by Jesus, only one came back to give Him thanks, giving God the glory. Though all were cleansed of their disease, it says that the one who gave Him thanks

experienced healing. It's implied that in the thanksgiving, the one that was cleansed was also healed to restoration.

Victory Life Church is that one leper. God has done great things for us this past year. Though many have experienced hardships and challenges, we also have experienced victories. We do not want the year to pass before we set aside time to remember what He has done and thank Him for what only He can do. Jubilee is the week of **celebration** and **thanksgiving**, to magnify the name of Jesus for who He is and what He has done.

## Listening

When we hear God's direction and instructions, we are inclined to obey. We always want to maintain that surrendered posture to God's will. But even in obeying, we do not stop listening to His ongoing communication. This is relationship. God doesn't radio instructions from heaven one time and have nothing else to do with us. We are walking beside Him and listening continually to His direction.

**Genesis 22:9-12 (NLT)** When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Yes," Abraham replied. "Here I am!" "Don't lay a hand on the boy!" the angel said. "Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son."

God had told Abraham to sacrifice his son on a mountain He will show him. God also said do him no harm. God said both things and it was important Abraham kept listening. Many churches hear God's instruction to do certain things, or begin certain ministries, or implement certain strategies to minister to their community.

God said do it. But many do not keep an ear open toward listening to Him continually and keep doing things long after they were effective.

Victory Life Church keeps **listening and obeying**. We never assume we are doing everything perfectly, or that we are to continue to do everything we are doing now the way we are doing them eternally; so we are listening for God's continual guidance on what to start new, what to change, and what to stop doing. In a sense, we "**lay everything on the altar**" and are willing for the Lord to let it die or tell us to keep going or to change.

## Together

What it means for Victory Life Church to participate in Jubilee: reflect, celebrate, and dream, is not exclusively something we do as an "organization", as if this is only relevant to pastors and staff. What it means for Victory Life Church to celebrate Jubilee means that you are celebrating Jubilee, individually and corporately. It is all of us together celebrating Jubilee! You personally are Victory Life, and you personally are remembering what God has done in your life, personally thanking God for what He has done, and personally, listening for His direction in your life.

While you are personally engaging in this way, it also means we are all doing this together. We are remembering what God has done in each other's lives, not just our own. We are thanking God and celebrating the victories that have taken place in each other's lives. We are coming alongside each other listening for God's will and His word for those around us, not just us exclusively.

This journal is designed to help you prepare well for Jubilee. Its design is to aid you in patiently take your time to **reflect** and remember the last year, **celebrate** with thanksgiving and gratitude

for what God has done, and **dream** God-sized dreams for this next year, based off God's word during Jubilee. It also has pages specifically for Jubilee and ways to integrate what God says after Jubilee. Our hope for you is that by going through these exercises, your heart is prepared well for a powerful and sanctified week of Jubilee for you personally, and all of us collectively.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jacob





# WEEK 1: REFLECT

We live in an incredibly fast-paced world. Taking time to pause and reflect on what has happened can sometimes seem like a waste of time. But we believe a vital part of preparation is reflection. It is only in pausing to thinking about what has happened that gratitude can form in our hearts and we can begin to dream of what is to come.

Here are some scriptures to meditate on as you go through this week of reflection.

**Psalm 105:1-5 (ESV)** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he uttered.

**Psalm 77:11-15 (ESV)** I will remember the deeds of the Lord ; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. You with your arm redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

This week we would like to pause and spend time reflecting on this past year. Over the next few days we will look at different areas of our life; remembering the challenges and the victories.

We ask that you don't rush as you reflect. Put aside time each day to really dive deeper into these questions and think about what has happened in your life personally and in the lives of those around you this year.



On some of the days you will find a **Diving Deeper Challenge** to help you begin integrating these tools into your everyday life. Take time to try one or more of these challenges over the course of the next 21 days.

Thank you for joining us on this journey!





# DAY 1: JULY 12TH

What has been one of the biggest revelations you have received from the Lord this year?

How have you integrated this revelation into your life?

What has stopped you from fully integrating this revelation?

## DAY 2: JULY 13TH

What was the greatest win of this past year for you personally?

What was the most difficult situation you faced this past year?

What did the Lord teach you through both of these situations?

In what areas have you seen the most personal growth this past year?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Talk through this with a trusted friend/mentor and ask them the same questions.**

## **DAY 3: JULY 14TH**

What was your family's greatest win this past year?

What were some of the challenges you faced this past year within your family?

What did you learn from each of these situations?

In what areas did you see the most growth in your family?

## **DAY 4: JULY 15TH**

Outside of family, what relationships have had the biggest impact in your life this past year?

Whose life do you feel you impacted this year?

Is there anyone you feel you need to forgive from this past year?

Is there anyone who you need to ask forgiveness from?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Have the needed conversations.**

## **DAY 5: JULY 16TH**

What are some ways you saw God provide for you this past year?

Were there any financial challenges you faced this year? If so, how did you handle them?

Where did you sow into last year with your finances?

Was there any area you wanted to sow into but did not? If so, what do you think stopped you?

## DAY 6: JULY 17TH

In what ways did you see growth in our city this past year?

How do you believe God impacted our city this past year?

What area of our city did you personally invest into this past year?

Was there any area you wanted to invest into but did not? If so, why do you think?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Have the needed conversations.**



## DAY 7: JULY 18TH

What was your biggest take away from Jubilee 2020?

What would you say has been our greatest win as a church this year?

What was one of the hardest things we faced as a church this year?

What do you believe the Lord was saying to His Church this past year?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Take a friend to lunch and discuss what God did in their life this year.**

## WEEK 2: CELEBRATE

Gratitude allows us to truly celebrate what God has done. This past year has come with many difficulties and challenges for the entire world, including the Body of Christ. What makes us unique as a people is not that we do not face difficulties, but that we know how to give thanks in the midst of them.

Here are some scriptures to meditate on as you go through this week of celebration.

**Psalms 9:1-2 (ESV)** I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Psalms 136:1-3 (ESV)** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)** Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Philippians 4:4-7 (NLT)** Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

This week we want to prepare the soil of our hearts through pausing and allowing gratitude to form as we celebrate what God has done.

We are going to look at each area of our lives and give thanks for the good that has happened this year.

This practice may be a challenge for anyone currently facing difficult situations. We want to encourage you to take time this week and allow the Holy Spirit to show you areas you can celebrate, even in the midst of challenges. Take time to get His perspective.

Thank you for continuing this journey with us!





## **DAY 8: JULY 19TH**

What character trait(s) of God did you see displayed in your life this past year?

What does the cross and resurrection mean to you?

Write a prayer of thanksgiving for who God is.

## **DAY 9: JULY 20TH**

What personal victory are you most thankful for from this past year?

What positive trait have you seen integrated into your life this year?

Write a prayer thanking God for yourself and your relationship with Him.

## DAY 10: JULY 21ST

What specifically are you thankful for about your family?

How has God shown Himself faithful in your family this year?

Write a prayer of thanksgiving for your family.

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Have a conversation with your family asking them their perspective**

## **DAY 11: JULY 22ND**

What relationship(s) are you most thankful for from this past year?

In what ways have you grown in being a better friend?

Write a prayer of thanksgiving for the friendships you have in your life.



## DAY 12: JULY 23RD

In what ways have you seen God bless your finances this year?

Have you seen anyone sow into your life this past year? If so, be specific.

Write a prayer thanking God for provision this year.

**Diving Deeper Challenge:** Find an area to sow into this week financially as seed.

## **DAY 13: JULY 24TH**

What vision has God given you for our city and the impact we can have?

What positive changes have you seen within our city this year you are thankful for?

Write a prayer of gratitude for our city and its leaders.

## **DAY 14: JULY 25TH**

What are you most thankful for about our church?

What do you believe God is saying to the entire Church right now?

Write a prayer of gratitude for what God has done and is doing in and through His Body.

# WEEK 3: DREAM

Now that we have spent time reflecting and giving thanks for what has happened this past year, let's dream! As a church, we exist to see people transformed by Jesus. We know it is the Lord's dream for each of us to be totally transformed by Him. Dreaming helps us keep His vision for our lives in front of us.

Here are some scriptures to meditate on as you go through this week of dreaming.

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)** Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**Psalms 33:20-22 (ESV)** Our soul waits for the Lord ; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord , be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**Psalms 37:4-7 (ESV)** Delight yourself in the Lord , and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord ; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Use this week to take the limits off in every area of your life. What would your life look like if Jesus was living it? What would it look like if you fully trusted Him? As we begin to dream, we begin to see beyond where we are and look towards a future that is totally surrendered to Him.

Spend time dreaming with the Lord this week. Do not limit Him or yourself to what you have seen in the past. Then, spend time thinking about practical steps to see these dreams become a reality in your life.

Thank you again for taking this journey with us!



## **DAY 15: JULY 26TH**

What has stopped you from dreaming big in the past?

If fear had no voice in your life, how would it be different?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Ask someone else this question today.**

## **DAY 16: JULY 27TH**

What would it look like for your character to be fully transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about your character?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this year?

## DAY 17: JULY 28TH

What would it look like for your family to be fully transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about your family?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this year?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Ask your family their dreams for your home.**



## **DAY 18: JULY 29TH**

What would it look like for all your relationships to be fully transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about your relationships?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this year?

## **DAY 19: JULY 30TH**

What would it look like for your finances to be fully transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about your finances?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this next year?

## DAY 20: JULY 31ST

What would it look like for our city to be transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about city transformation?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this year?

**Diving Deeper Challenge: Identify one way to serve your city this week and do it.**

## **DAY 21: AUGUST 1ST**

What would it look like for our church to be fully transformed by Jesus?

What does the Word say about our church?

What is one practical step to see this transformation begin this year?

# BONUS

What is your “BIG” dream?

# AUGUST 2ND (MONDAY)

**Set aside 15 minutes to pray and listen today.**

What is the Lord saying to you about this next year?

# **AUGUST 3RD (TUESDAY)**

**Set aside 15 minutes to pray and listen today.**

What is the Lord saying to you about this Jubilee?

# **JUBILEE 2021**

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

**Sermon Title:**

**Speaker:**

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**Notes (What is said)**

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**Key Thoughts / Points/ Scripture (Summary)**

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**My Thoughts (What I hear)**

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**Integration**

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Think it out -

Talk it out -

Pray it out -

Walk it out -

# **JUBILEE 2021**

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH**

**Sermon Title:**

**Speaker:**

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**Notes (What is said)**

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**Key Thoughts / Points/ Scripture (Summary)**

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**My Thoughts (What I hear)**

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**Integration**

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Think it out -

Talk it out -

Pray it out -

Walk it out -

# **JUBILEE 2021**

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6TH**

**Sermon Title:**

**Speaker:**

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**Notes (What is said)**

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**Key Thoughts / Points/ Scripture (Summary)**

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**My Thoughts (What I hear)**

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**Integration**

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Think it out -

Talk it out -

Pray it out -

Walk it out -

# **JUBILEE 2021**

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 7TH**

**Sermon Title:**

**Speaker:**

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**Notes (What is said)**

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**Key Thoughts / Points/ Scripture (Summary)**

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**My Thoughts (What I hear)**

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**Integration**

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# INTEGRATION

One of the most important attributes of being a disciple of Jesus and seeing transformation is integrating the things He shows you into your everyday life. It is our prayer that as Victory Life we not only hear the things God is saying, but that we are obedient to do what He is saying. This page is meant to help you develop a strategy for integrating the revelation the Lord has revealed to you this Jubilee into the next year of your life.

What were the biggest revelations the Lord gave to you this Jubilee?

Think through and develop a plan with the Holy Spirit about how to take this revelation into this next year.

Think it out -

Talk it out -

Pray it out -

Walk it out -





