

Overcome the Numb

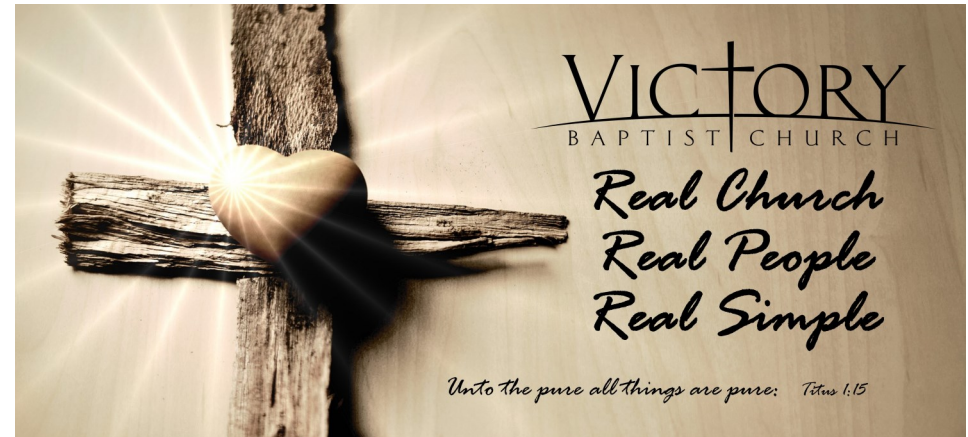
III: Be _____ in your _____: v12

David didn't want the numbness to be gone just so he could go about living a life absent of God. Rather, he wanted it gone so that he could rightfully live the life that God had for Him to live. He wanted to live a life of loving God, living for God, serving God, and worshipping God. He wanted a life where he could be deliberate in seeking God's plan and calling for His life.

Every Christian is called to a _____ of Jesus Christ and if we are overwhelmed, if our enemies the world, our flesh, and Satan are pursuing us and discouraging us, and tempting us, and continually attacking us ...if there's a continual struggle that is causing your heart to stray and become numb to God remember...

- Jesus also experienced it ... when He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness
- remember Jesus words ... ***Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8***
- remember when He said ... ***No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Matt. 6:24***
- remember when He said ... ***And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Matt. 20:27***

God doesn't want our hearts to be overwhelmed and numb and we see in David a way to overcome that numbness when it begins to work its way into our hearts. He identified the cause; he remembered his Companion; and he was deliberate to his calling to serve.



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Ps. 143:4 ... ***Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.***

In God's design for the physical body, He created us with nerves and nerve endings to help us identify and be sensitive to those things that can hurt us. But if we are numb to the pain, severe damage can occur without us even knowing it.

And God's design for us spiritually is similar. He has given us His Word, His Spirit, and experiences to move and work in our hearts to help us identify and be sensitive to those things that can hurt us spiritually. And He has given us these things to engage our compassion, love, kindness, and service. But because we are numb spiritually, it is our apathy, neglect, and selfishness that is found.

This morning we'll discover 3 steps to *Overcome the Numb*

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I: Identify the _____: v3-4

David indicates that the cause of his heart's numbness is the enemy. He says his enemy ...

A. _____ him relentlessly
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;

B. _____ him
...he hath smitten my life down to the ground

C. made him to dwell in _____

D. _____ him

While none of us likely has a physical enemy who hurts in such a way, we do have the spiritual enemies of the world, Satan, and the flesh that continually pursue, bruise, brings darkness, and overwhelm us thus causing our heart to become numb.

God knows the struggle you have with your flesh; God knows that it is an enemy that seeks to destroy you; and guess what, Satan knows the power of the flesh and he uses it in his attempt to destroy you.

Overcome the numb by discovering the cause of the numbness. Identify the enemy, not according to your own standards, but rather by God's Word, will, and way what the cause of your numbness is.

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II: Remember Your _____

Whenever we discover a spiritual problem in our life our initial reaction is to simply try harder. But David didn't try harder against his enemy but rather he sought help from his greatest companion.

A. he _____: v1-2, 7

B. he _____ the Lord

- he _____ on God's goodness and promises

- by _____ God

- by _____ God to help him

- _____ him to do His will

- wanting God to _____ him

When you are overwhelmed and your heart is numb; when your enemies have surrounded you and you don't know what to do... remember your companion, Jesus Christ. He will fight for you.

II Chronicles 20:15 ... ***Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.***
