**Sunday, 8 January 2023**

**Victory in Difficult Times**

**Romans 8:28**

Even though we love God and God loves us, and even when we are living by God’s Word, difficult times can still come. Today we will learn three biblical responses that will bring victory in difficult times.

1. Refuse to fear and continue to believe - Mark 5:22-23, 35-36, 41-42
   1. When things got worse and all hope seemed lost, Jesus said to not fear and continue to believe.
2. Begin to pray and sing praises to God - Acts 16:25-33
   1. Paul did not feel sorry for himself and asked why when treated unfairly.
3. Begin to rejoice – Philippians 4:4, 6, Nehemiah 8:10, James 1:2-4
   1. Always rejoice in the Lord because you know God is with you know the difficult situation will end in victory.

Conclusion: When you face difficult times, refuse to fear and continue to believe, begin pray and sing praises to God, and continue to rejoice always, and you will experience victory in difficult times.

Discussion Questions:

1. What should you do when all hope seems lost?
2. How did Paul receive the victory when treated unfairly?
3. Why should we rejoice in difficult times?