

VICTORY LIFE COVENANT



We, the leaders of Victory Life Church (those who are an example for others to follow), in order to:

*establish God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven,
form a healthier body of believers,
secure the blessing commanded upon those who walk in unity,
ensure a legacy of peace and prosperity for the next generation,
restore respect and honor for God's government and authorities on earth*

do ordain and establish this covenant. We will work together as a team of leaders, governed by three core principles: Honor, Unity, and Trust.



HONOR

We agree to submit to and not undermine God-given, God-appointed authority.

(Hebrews 13:17)

- 📖 To have authority, one must be under authority. (Matthew 8:5-10)
- 📖 As God establishes rank and order, we will flow together in grace and love. (Exodus 18:21; Romans 13:1)
- 📖 Authority is for edification, not destruction; we will love, respect, and serve all, rather than abuse and harm.

We commit to further the Kingdom of God and not build our own.

(Philippians 2:20-21; Matthew 6:33)

- 📖 God's Kingdom purpose is superior to our personal agendas.

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10 NKJV)

Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. (Romans 13:7 NKJV)



UNITY

We will not participate in nor be a party to church splits.

(Ephesians 4:1-3)

- 📖 We agree to not cause or allow division in the Body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- 📖 The reproach that's been brought on Christ through arguing, fussing, and fighting must come to an end. (1 Corinthians 3:3)
- 📖 The consequences of disunity are too costly. (James 3:16; Romans 16:17)
- 📖 Unity is defined within diversity, not conformity.

We bind together relationally in which divorce is no option.

- 📖 We must learn to disagree agreeably. (Mark 10:9; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 2:19; Psalm 92:13)
- 📖 We will work out and walk out our differences, walking together in covenant relationship. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- 📖 The church has suffered because we church hop:
 - We commit into a new body and when things get tough, we then quit and leave. (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - We then remarry into another body and, unfortunately, we carry all our hurts, disappointments, and frustrations into that relationship, and it fails, too. (Proverbs 6:27; Ephesians 5:31; 1 Corinthians 6:15-17)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore. (Psalm 133:1-3 NKJV)



TRUST

We will remain open to correction from those who love us.

(Proverbs 19:20; Luke 17:3-4; Proverbs 27:5-7; Proverbs 9:7-9)

- 📖 While trust is something earned and built, we must commit to the process.
- 📖 Trust is developed as we come to know one another, and involves being open, honest, vulnerable, and transparent.

We will not receive accusations against one another.

- 📖 We must have one another's backs in order to have effective, long-term ministry. (Revelation 12:10; 1 Timothy 5:19)
- 📖 We commit to protect one another from our hearts turning against each other.

We commit to the "5-Day Rule" concerning offenses.

- 📖 We commit to biblically resolve any offense within 5 days. (Matthew 18:15)
- 📖 We will deal with all offenses internally. We will not go to others.

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 KJV)