

Victory Vignettes

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From Fear to Freedom – A Bible Study Testimony

An interview with one of Teleios' Bible study participants

Vera has experienced firsthand how God, by the power of His word, has revolutionized her self-concept and purpose for living.

Vera is a vivacious young woman who currently lives as a political refugee in Asia. Due to serious and imminent threats to her personal safety stemming from standing up for justice and her witness for Christ, Vera fled her home and found herself alone in a new country, without friends, a job, or resources, and living secretly.

With a smart phone as her only link to the outside world, Vera found and answered an ad on Google for Teleios' one-on-one Bible study mentorship program. Eleven months ago, she began a Bible study with one of Teleios' Bible study teachers and she spoke with me about her experience.



Vera exclaims that the Bible study changed her life! "I felt like I was useless after moving because I was no longer going to grad school and working as a health care professional. I left everything behind ... my possessions, my friends, everything! But when I began to understand the Bible more, my values changed." Through studying the word of God and being obedient to what it says, she experienced a dramatic shift in mindset. She no longer saw work or school as defining her and providing purpose, but rather being a servant of the Lord.

Further, through the Bible study Vera has experienced the power of the God as she has become aware of that she has been remade into a new person in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:2-9) and seen how the Holy Spirit has produced fruit in her life (Galatians 5:22-23). She says, "In spite of being isolated and without any social freedoms, I have the most peaceful and joyful life here because of Christ."

Week by week, meeting remotely, she discovered what is intended for a Christian's lifestyle according to the word of God, and her faith grew as she applied the teachings of scripture. By making Bible study a priority, her focus shifted from life's transient material things to the truth of God's word. This mindset change birthed in her a newfound purpose for life. "What could be more important than

strengthening your faith and finding the purpose of your life?" She further added. "My purpose is to serve and worship God because He saved me, and to teach His word to others."

Vera's joy is hard to miss. She speaks with passion, enthusiasm, and hope. Although she longs for a day when she can live freely again so that she can work, develop friendships, and go outside without fear, she is completely content where she is.

Vera has grown so much in her knowledge and love for the word of God, that she now sees herself equipped to lead others in studying the Bible. Indeed, she is now one of Teleios' Bible study mentors and feels honored to lead others toward the breakthrough and life change that she herself experienced.

Teleios provides many resources, at no cost to the user, which bring great benefit to

Christians or those who have questions about salvation. One of these resources is the Bible study program which has impacted the lives of many worldwide. This program guides believers in understanding the word of God by equipping them with techniques to study scripture, interpret and apply in their own lives.



To date, the Teleios' Bible Study Program has had 76 students complete an initial 4 weeks! They are inspired that 18 have gone all the way to 6 months – wow!

To join a Bible study through Teleios, please apply at <https://teleiosresearch.com/bible-study-program/>.

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The 'Victory Vignettes' series of interviews provide glimpses of believers actively engaged in sharing the good news of Christ.