



Hope of Spring

Victim or Victor



*... this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.
1 John 5:4*

Well into my grief journey there came a moment of clarity when I knew I was given a choice: Define the rest of my life by my son's death, or make my son's death my defining moment.

There are many examples of Bible characters being offered a defining moment. Abraham offering his son on an altar. Esther laying her life on the line "for such a time as this." Three Hebrew slaves choosing the fiery furnace over bowing to an idol. Joseph fleeing the seduction of Potiphar's wife. All were hard choices that altered history.

Life will always be divided by "before Josiah died" (BJD) and "after Josiah died" (AJD). However I choose not to live the rest of my life blaming God, expecting others to walk on egg shells around me, making friend and family time all about me, savor-ing a victim mentality.

I can honor Josiah's death by being a victor, and making his death one of my defining moments. Our pastor says, "you can't be an overcomer if you haven't been an under-wenter."

When I get to heaven and see my son again I want to be able to tell him, "I allowed God to use your death to bring about a moun-tain of good and godly fruit in my life and in the lives of every-one I met."



*He who overcomes will be clothed in white garments and I will not erase his name from the book of LIFE.
Revelation 3:5*

Look at the reward for being an Overcomer!

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1 John 5:4, 5*

What can help you be an overcomer?

*What are the rewards of being an Overcomer and living in Victo-ry?
(Rev 2:7, 11, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:54, 55)*

