

## THE VICTORIOUS WARRIOR

Dear Pastor,

We are a Sonoma County–based ministry standing for the dignity of life and against the culture of death. My name is Jerry Shelfer, and my wife, Michelle, and I have just completed a new book for youth, *The Victorious Warrior: Challenging Young People to Aim toward the Good.* Attached is a flyer. We think it might be suitable for your youth ministry.

The purpose of *The Victorious Warrior* is to inspire young people ages 13–18 to make good choices in life. We want them to become responsible young adults who find their identity in aiming toward the good—that is, toward the God of the Bible. We counter the destructive messages given to them by the culture today by offering a Judeo-Christian framework for living, with a vision that engages and inspires them—a vision they can claim as their own.

We use Zephaniah 3:17, "The LORD your God is in your midst, a Victorious Warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy," as our way of introducing Jesus as the victorious warrior who will be by their side in the great spiritual battle of good against evil. We present their path as being that of a warrior preparing for spiritual battle, developing a warrior's mindset, adopting a personal code, and learning from the example of Jesus and the teachings of the Bible about spiritual warfare.

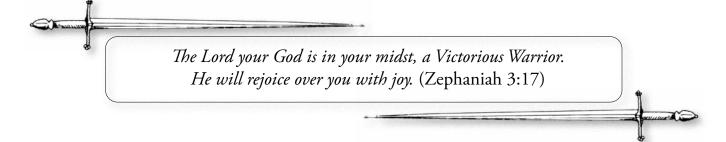
We cover many topics that teens encounter as they mature, using age-appropriate language. Those topics include social media, addiction, sex, drugs and alcohol, and abortion. They learn practical tips alongside spiritual understanding for tackling these challenging issues. We feel that they will certainly learn about these things from other sources that may not be God-honoring or truthful—therefore, we need to give them a godly perspective on these topics to shape their understanding on a foundation of Biblical truth.

The book is imaginatively presented, with teen-oriented coloring-book pages and thoughtful questions at the end of each chapter.

Please consider our book for use in your youth program. We would love to meet with you and your youth pastor and discuss working together for the purpose of guiding youth toward Jesus. You can learn more about our book at our website, including supplemental materials to enhance each chapter: <u>VictoriousWarrior.org</u>.

Yours,

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## The Victorious Warrior: Challenging Young People to Aim toward the Good

he Victorious Warrior: Challenging Young People to Aim toward the Good was written to inspire youths to become responsible young adults whose identity, meaning, and direction are found in aiming toward the good—that is, aiming toward the God of the Bible. Not long ago in America, Judeo-Christian values permeated the culture. Young people received positive moral messages reinforced by all sectors of society. These messages gave our youth a common identity grounded in a firm sense of right and wrong. Pursuit of excellence, love of truth, and serving others were values that helped

them make good choices for the best outcomes in life.

Today, however, twisted voices have formed an unholy alliance in a declaration of war on Judeo-Christian values. Young people are anxious and confused as they look to social media and other godless sources for identity, meaning, and direction. These sources are too often perverse and destructive. Our children are the prime target of the enemy of God.

How are we to guide young people through that topsy-turvy kaleidoscope of lies and inspire them to make good choices for their best lives? They desperately need adults to offer them the truth. In this crisis of culture, where can they encounter a Judeo-Christian framework for living in a language that engages and inspires them—one they can claim as their own?

The Victorious Warrior offers a competing voice to counter the destructive messages too often given to young people. Grounded in basic Christian teachings and imaginatively presented, it brings young readers (ages thirteen to eighteen)

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into an exploration of the great spiritual battle between good and evil. The young readers learn to approach the struggles of identity and desire by adopting a spiritual warrior's mindset, as one would in preparation for battle. They learn to make good choices and take their place as contributing members of society. They discover the Victorious Warrior, Jesus, and learn what His victory over sin and death means for them. They adopt a simple three-point code to help them aim toward the good. They learn that the value of their identity is found in the love of the one who made them. They learn practical tools alongside spiritual understanding for tackling challenging issues.

The Victorious Warrior includes teen-oriented coloring-book images and end-of-chapter questions to engage the young mind on many levels. The book is suitable for the individual reader and can also be utilized by a teacher/parent/facilitator in a Christian school, youth-group, or homeschool setting.



he Victorious Warrior: Challenging Young People to Aim toward the Good was written by a husband-and-wife team who believe that embracing Jesus Christ as Savior and following His example are the best strategies for a purposeful life. This book comes out of their experiences as youths, living apart from Jesus and paying the dearest price for their poor choices. Jesus found them and redeemed their lives so that others can learn from their mistakes and their redemption.

Jerry and Michelle Shelfer lead a nonprofit, Prepare a Room Ministries, boldly standing for the dignity of life and offering the healing work of the cross of Jesus Christ to those hurt by abortion and the lies of the culture of death. They have also written a book that is a help for those hurt by abortion (Nordskog Publishing, nordskogpublishing.com/product/prepare-a-room/).

Michelle and Jerry are grandparents of thirteen, many of whom are entering the age group to which this book is directed. The topic of guiding young people to make good choices is a daily preoccupation on a very personal level for them.

The Shelfers use media and the arts to teach, write, and speak about life, the culture, and moral guidance for youth from a Biblical perspective. They offer video teachings, animation, music, social media, books, a podcast, and other strategies to speak on the dignity of life. They travel, speak, and host a Day of Healing from the Hurt of Abortion with their 35-foot-long and 10-foot-high Foundlings Abortion Memorial Quilt, consisting of five hundred Foundlings images drawn by Michelle and constructed by a master quilter. The quilt serves as a way of honoring abortion's victims and as a tool and focal point for healing events and other prolife gatherings.

Here are their links to learn more about their ministry:

PrepareaRoom.com

TheFoundlings.net

<u>@PrepareaRoom</u> on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and other social media

For bookings or book purchases, contact Jerry at <u>info@VictoriousWarrior.org</u> or call 415-488-0800.

## Prepare a Room:

## A Path to Peace and Healing for Those Hurt by Abortion

For those suffering in Heart, MIND, and spirit after an abortion experience, help is offered here. A culture of denial about the traumatic effects of abortion has left many women and men trapped in regret, shame, and self-condemnation about their experience. How can those traumatized by this deeply wounding scourge find a doorway to freedom and hope?

In this book, Michelle Shelfer presents a ten-step path to peace and healing that addresses the damage done to identity and relationships by abortion and offers real-life tools to restore what has been broken. You can use this book and our other ministry tools to embark on a journey that honors your unique story and opens the door to joyful restoration through discovery of *the greatest love*.

