

Victory Connect Lesson
I Smell Victory!
Pastor Paul Daugherty
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Key Passage: 2Co 2:14 NIV - But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

Introduction: Our lives give off a fragrance that is either pleasant or unpleasant to the Lord. More than sixty Bible verses refer to scents or fragrance. Noah's sacrifice was a "pleasing aroma" to the Lord (Gen 8:20,21).

1. To those being saved we are an aroma of life.

2Co 2:15 NIV - For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

2. To the perishing we are the stench of death,

2Co 2:16 NIV - To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life...

3. We must remove the dead, before we are refreshed.

Act 3:19 NIV - Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

4. Jesus confronted death before bringing forth life.

John 11:39, 43 NIV - "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time **there is a bad odor**, for he has been there four days." :43 - When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

5. Show me your friends, I'll show you your fragrance.

Act 4:13 NIV - When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and **they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

6. Small changes in our lives can bring "big rain."

1Ki 18:41, 45 KJV - And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for [there is] a sound of **abundance of rain**. :45 - And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a **great rain**. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who or what has influenced your fragrance?
2. What fragrance do you want to carry?
3. What fragrance do you want to spread?

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