

# VICTORIA TALKS

## CHRISTIANITY FOR SCEPTICS, ENQUIRERS & BELIEVERS



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- Forget what lies behind
- Focus on to the prize
- Follow Paul and other mature Christians

### 2. Content because Jesus has secured our future (v12b)

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## Application: Restless contentment

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