

### SUNDAY RECAP

We are in week 5 of our series, **Resurrection Living**, going through the letters of John (1, 2, and 3 John). This week we finished 1 John. Before you begin, pause together and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your conversation.

**OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER:** What's something that's had most of your attention recently (a show, project, hobby, or event)? OR What is something you're looking forward to?

**READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER:** 1 John 5

*(The sermon focused on verses 1-12, but feel free to read the entirety of chapter 5)*

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Don't feel pressure to get through every question! Follow where the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful discussion.*

1. John connects believing in Jesus with being "born of God," and says that this new life shows up in love and obedience. Have you ever experienced obedience to God feeling life-giving rather than heavy? What do you think helps move obedience from burden to joy?
2. When John says "everyone born of God overcomes the world," what do you think he actually means by that in everyday life? What might "overcoming the world" look like in your relationships, decisions, or thought life this week?
3. Jesus says, "I have overcome the world," and John says this victory is "our faith." What does it mean that our victory is not something we achieve, but something we participate in through Jesus? How does that reshape your view about spiritual struggle, temptation, or failure?
4. John emphasizes that God Himself testifies about Jesus (through the Spirit, water, and blood) and that eternal life is found in the Son. Why do you think John is so firm about the idea that *life is found only in Jesus*? What are some "competing sources of life" people tend to trust instead?
5. What does it mean to you that Jesus not only died for your sin but also fully entered into human life on your behalf? How does that deepen your understanding of grace?
6. John says, "Whoever has the Son has life." What is one area of your life where you need to more fully trust Jesus' victory rather than trying to "overcome" in your own strength?

**GROUP PRAYER TIME:** Share requests and pray for one another. Use the prayer prompts below to guide your prayer time as a group (or individually this week):

- **Faith in Jesus:** Strengthen my faith where it feels weak
- **Identity:** Remind me and help me live from my identity in Christ
- **Love for God & Others:** Shape my heart to love God & people well
- **Joyful Obedience:** Replace resistance with trust
- **Overcoming the world:** Expose what the world is shaping in me
- **Victory in Jesus:** Assurance in His victory
- **Life in Christ:** Stay close to the true source of life



## MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out *Cutting Room Floor* episodes that further unpack sermons.

## UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **5/13: Hope Gathering Widows Group** | 6-8p | Fellowship & Potluck | AMC
- **5/16: Men's Breakfast** | 8a-10a | RSVP at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- **5/16: Big Day Of Service** | Community-wide service projects | Sign up at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p | Registration is open for campers and volunteers at [fairoaks.church/kids](https://fairoaks.church/kids)



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