

## Called to Overcome Part 2

### Part 1.

#### **Revelation 3**

21 To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

All 7 Churches of Revelation 2&3 faced certain Challenges.  
They were all called to Overcome something

- There were Temptations...
- Hearts forsaking their 1st Love...
- People facing Persecution...
- False Teaching and Idolatry...
- A Jezebel Spirit, that manipulates and controls...
- Dead Religious Practices...
- & Lukewarm Faith...

There was something to Overcome...

And with these Obstacle there was a Call to Overcome them...

The Lord also promised each one, if they Overcame they would receive a Reward...

#### **James 1**

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

The Apostle James says, **Vs. 3** “the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

The ability to remain under it... Remain under the weight of it...

**Vs. 4** “Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

What Challenges you will Change you...

Muscles Grow as a result of Resistance...

When you workout... When you strain... When you strain you create micro tears in the muscle which the body has to heal... This makes you sore...

When your sore your not strong... Your weaker than before you worked out...

It's when you heal that you get stronger... The objective is not soreness but healing...

**Vs. 4** "Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Part 2.

### **Revelation 3**

22 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

To all the Churches there is a call at the end, Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

There is a plea from the Lord, if we have the ability to hear him, let us hear the council of the Lord...

### **James 1**

**5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. **6** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**Vs. 5** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously...

What does this tell us about the will of God for each one of us...

He give wisdom to all who ask... without finding fault...

That means without pretense... without prejudice... God is willing to give us wisdom Generously, Liberally..

What is this Wisdom?

Wisdom: Wisdom that is broad and full of intelligence;

- The knowledge of very diverse matters.
- knowledge of things human and divine.
- the act of interpreting dreams and always giving the sagest advice
- skill in the management of affairs
- knowledge for godly and upright living
- supreme intelligence, such as belongs to God

Root Word: skilled expert. Forming the best plans and using the best means for their execution.

The Wisdom of God will change your perspective...

The Wisdom of God will change your position...

Many times the difference between right thinking and wrong thinking is perspective...

Adam and Eve had no sin nature... How does Satan get someone who has no sin nature to sin? He altered their perspective...

- Did God really say... (False Truth)
- You will not surely die... (False Assurance)
- For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God... (False Hope)

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, Satan had a perspective, Jesus maintained the right perspective and the right position...

The Wisdom of God will take you further, faster...

What David dreamed of Solomon saw at a young age...

Solomon was the only person God ever came to and said what is it that you want? I will give it to you...

And Solomon was the only one who was ever taught how to answer the question...

## **Proverbs 4**

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For I too was a son to my father,  
still tender, and cherished by my mother.

4

Then he taught me, and he said to me,  
“Take hold of my words with all your heart;  
keep my commands, and you will live.

5

**Get wisdom, get understanding;**  
do not forget my words or turn away from them.

6

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;  
love her, and she will watch over you.

7

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.

**Vs. 6-8** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. **8** Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

Christianity is called the Faith; not the Reasoning.

**Doubt:** Uncertain or lack of Conviction

**The one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blow and tossed by the wind...**

Have you ever met that person?  
Have you ever been that person?

Charles Spurgeon “We notice that not only must one come in **faith**, but one must also **ask in faith.**”

The person who doubts is like a wave, now *rising by hope*, then *sinking by despair*.

What we know about waves:

- **A wave of the sea** is without rest, and so is the doubter
- **A wave of the sea** is unstable, and so is the doubter
- **A wave of the sea** is driven by the winds, and so is the doubter
- **A wave of the sea** is capable of great destruction, and so is the doubter

That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

**double-minded** is literally *two-souled*. “The man of two souls, who has one for the earth, and another for heaven.

It’s like the word division which means di-vision. Two visions...  
“A House divided against itself cannot stand.”

But when you ask, **you must believe...**

**Believe: Convinced, Persuaded**

**Faith has with it the: “Oh make up your mind” Anointing...**

### **A Man of Conviction**

During the **American Revolution**, Patriot General **George Washington** crosses the **Delaware** River with 5,400 troops, hoping to surprise British forces celebrating **Christmas** at their winter quarters in Trenton, **New Jersey**. The unconventional attack came after several months of substantial defeats for Washington’s army that had resulted in the loss of **New York** City and other strategic points in the region.

At about 11 p.m. on Christmas, Washington’s army commenced its crossing of the half-frozen river at three locations. The 2,400 soldiers led by **Washington** successfully braved the icy and freezing river and reached the New Jersey side of the Delaware just before dawn. The other two divisions,

made up of some 3,000 men and crucial artillery, failed to reach the meeting point at the appointed time.

At approximately 8 a.m. on the morning of December 26, Washington's remaining force, separated into two columns, reached the outskirts of Trenton and descended on the unsuspecting Hessians (*German soldiers who served as auxiliaries to the British Army during the American Revolutionary War*).

Trenton's 1,400 Hessian defenders were groggy from the previous evening's festivities and underestimated the Patriot threat after months of decisive British victories throughout New York. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the Germans' defenses, and by 9:30 a.m. the town was surrounded. Although several hundred Hessian Soldiers escaped, nearly 1,000 were captured at the cost of only four American lives.

This strategic move on General George Washington's part was the turning point of the Revolutionary War as news of Washington's initiative raised the spirits of the American colonists, who previously feared that the Continental Army was incapable of victory.

### **Joshua 24:15**

But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

You are Called to Overcome!

It will take:

1. God making you Strong
2. God giving you Wisdom