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## OVERCOMERS

Overcoming is synonymous with victory over your opponents.

### John the Apostle @johntheapostle

Former Fisherman in Galilee  
Brother to James and Son to Zebedee  
The Disciple Jesus Loved  
Best Selling Author  
Last of the Twelve Apostles  
Living in Ephesus  
Heading to Patmos soon

Nike taught the ancient Ephesians that victory comes from strength, force, and zeal.

Overcoming begins with accurately identifying your opponents.

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1 John 1:6 *"If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the **darkness**, we lie and do not live out the truth."*

1 John 2:15 *"Do not love the **world** or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them."*

1 John 2:22 *"Who is the liar? It is whoever **denies** that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son."*

In other words...your real opponents are:

walking in darkness

loving the world

denying Jesus!

### Love

1 John 5:1 *"Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well."*

### Obedience

1 John 5:2-3 *"This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome."*

### Faith

1 John 5:4 *"for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."*

John taught the ancient Ephesians that victory comes from love, obedience, and faith.

God lead me to love fully.

God lead me to obey freely.

God lead me to trust firstly.