

## **The Power to Overcome**

What do we need to overcome?

What do we need in order to overcome?

Where and how to begin?

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### **1. The stronghold of our minds. Unbelief, Pride, Self-Righteousness, Legalism. Colossians 2**

When you try to work your way to righteousness.

When you obey and diligently follow all the commandments and doctrines.

When you spend all your time doing religious rituals.

When you make someone your spiritual guru at the expense of Jesus Christ the author and the finisher of your faith.

When you categorise sins. Grading sins.

When you preach what you don't practice.

When you live a false Christian life. Christian only on Sunday.

When you are not led by the spirit. Or you constantly refuse to yield to the call of the spirit.

When you judge people by outward appearance. God is more interested in our heart.

When you see yourself as above everyone else.

When you are not humble. Spirit of pride.

When you find it difficult to accept you are at fault.

When the world of God doesn't challenge you anymore.

When you shoot the messenger because you don't like the message.

When you fail to surrender your heart to God.

When you place your ego above your relationship with your creator.

When you think you are holy and do not associate with Sinners so as for you not to be corrupted.

**2. The stronghold of Sin Hebrew 10:26 We all struggle with certain strongholds of sin in our lives. These strongholds of sin work to push us away from God, and undermine our relationship with him. We must war against these strongholds of sin to be fruitful servants of God.**

3. We need to overcome trials and tribulations if we are going to make an impact in our world and immediate community. Daniel 6:4-5 Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:22-33 <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So *am* I. Are they Israelites? So *am* I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So *am* I. <sup>23</sup> Are they ministers of Christ? —I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. <sup>24</sup> From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; <sup>26</sup> *in* journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; <sup>27</sup> *in* weariness and toil, *in* sleeplessness often, *in* hunger and thirst, *in* fastings often, *in* cold and nakedness— <sup>28</sup> besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *with indignation*? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my [infirmity](#). <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

**4. We need to overcome our adversaries. Satan the accuser of the brethren. Revelation 12:10, Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.**

What do we need in order to overcome?

1. The Power of God Luke 10:19
2. The Grace of God Without me you can do nothing
3. The Mercy of God

**Where and how to begin. What you need to do in order to overcome.**

1. Pleading the Blood and confessing the word of God
2. Focus on God's Power rather than your problem or your opposition.
3. Trust in God's plan even when it does not make sense to you.
4. See God at work in all situations. Ask Lord what do you want me to learn in this situation in order to overcome.
5. Surround yourself with other believers of the same mind. Eagle and Chicken operate on different level.
6. Wear your mustard seed hat. Take step forward regardless of opposition and how little the step is. If you cannot run, walk. If you cannot walk, crawl. By all means make sure you are moving forward and that you are making progress.
7. Be expectant. Psalm 5 vs 3 My voice you shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to you, And I will look up.
8. Repent: do you wonder what it means to "repent"? This is not a word we hear often. It means to stop living the way that brings problems, heartache and tragedy to the church of God or community of God's people and ends in broken lives that are hard to fix.

To repent means to get rid of pride and eat a humble pie so as to receive the grace of God.

To repent means, do not be idolater. No self-righteousness. If your understanding of Christian faith centers on a collection of set of rules, dos and don'ts at the expense of an experience of God's love, it quickly becomes an idolatry.

To repent means to change destructive and addictive behaviour that not only damages your own life but that of others in your family who love and care for you.

To repent in a biblical sense means to look into the mirror of God's perfect law of liberty and ask if you are a hearer or a doer of the Word of God (James 1:22-25).

It means to take an honest assessment of your life, even if you feel you are a Christian and know God, and compare that to the standard of righteousness defined by God's law.

Are you here this morning and you feel you have missed it at one point in time because of ignorance and want to reconcile with your Creator