

Overcoming the World

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Series: Prove It!

Scripture: 1 John 5:1–5; James 2:14–26; Proverbs 3:1–12

Synopsis: Very few believers today find themselves living a victorious Christian life. The life of victory is waiting for the believers that walk by faith and not by sight. 1 John 5:1-5 gives us the formula for a victorious life of faith.

1 John 5:1–3 ESV

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:4–5 ESV

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Victory? (Pause)

Victory in Jesus

John 16:33 ESV

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

We are not waiting on victory but abiding in victory.

When you abide in Jesus the blessings of victory will be evident.

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Overcoming Faith

“Faith is an undeniable truth that drives a person to action.”

7 Realities of Overcoming Faith

- Because I know that Jesus is the Son of God, I submit to his authority and Kingship.
- Because I know that Jesus rose from the dead, I live in the hope of the resurrection.
- Because I know that God is with me, I fear no evil.
- Because I know that the Holy Spirit indwells me, I walk in his power and strength.
- Because I know that God hears me when I pray, I pray with boldness and expectation.
- Because I know God’s heart, I lead people to repentance.
- Because I know God’s love, I keep his commandments and they are not a burden but a joy.

Bonus: Because I know the end, I live in the victory to come.

Overcoming Faith always leads to action

James 2:17 ESV

¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Overcoming Faith comes from the truth of God’s Word.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17, KJV)

Proverbs 3:5–6 ESV

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Result of Overcoming faith.

- A victorious life that overcomes the troubles of this world.
- A heart at peace in the midst of the storm.
- A joy that the world can never steal away.
- A confidence in the future knowing the battle is already won.
- A team that the world wants to join.