

We Are Overcomers

1. INTRODUCTION

- a. Last week, Pastor Italo preached on "Victory! Victory! Victory!"
- b. However, sometimes we feel defeated in life
 - i. Dealing with our sins
 - ii. Troubles in finance, relationships, etc.
 - iii. We don't feel like overcomers
- c. There is good news, we can become overcomers! But how?

2. I John 5:4-5 **"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"**

3. Who is the overcomer?

a. #1 - Be born of God

- i. We are God's children by our faith in Jesus
- ii. This is who we are in God! Our identity

b. #2 - Faith in God

- i. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world

c. #3 - Believing that Jesus is the Son of God

- i. We believe in Jesus our Savior (**John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**)
- ii. God loves us so much that He gave His only Son and whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life

4. What do you believe Jesus did?

- a. He died for our sins
- b. He loves us so much, nothing can separate us from His love (**Romans 8:35 "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?"**)
- c. And through Him we are more than conquerors (**Romans 8:37 "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."**)
- d. God demonstrated His love for us by sending His Son
 - i. How much more can He do for you and any of your situation?
 - ii. He can do anything! There is nothing He cannot overcome for you!

5. How do we overcome?

a. Remember that we are God's children!

- i. **Galatians 3:26 - "For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus."**
- ii. Know who YOU are in God
- iii. We are not like other people (this world)
- iv. You can ask Him anything
- v. Just like a child: Do your kids worry about food every meal? Do they ask if they will be able to eat? No, they trust that you will provide their meal!
- vi. If we don't know who we are = Cannot overcome

- b. We need to believe in God (By Faith)
 - i. Faith that God sent Jesus to redeem us (our help through Jesus)
 - ii. Believe who God is in us
 - iii. If do not believe this = We cannot overcome
 - c. We confess our sins (**1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”**)
 - d. We declare that Jesus is the Lord of our life (**Romans 10:9 “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”**)
 - i. If God is not first in our life, we rely on ourselves or other things
 - ii. And we cannot overcome
 - iii. Remember who Jesus is: Our redeemer, Savior, provider, healer, comforter
 - iv. Making Him our Lord means you will ask Him for everything you do and everything you need, and seeking His will in your life
 - e. When Jesus is our Lord, our Redeemer, and we are child of God = We can be overcomer!
6. Question: “Do you truly know you are a child of God?”
- a. Are you really trusting the Lord in everything in your life? Or do you worry?
 - b. I could receive the word of God only because I am His child
 - i. Testimony: Sometimes it’s hard and frustrating still being single now that I am 40. However, God would encourage me by reminding me of words spoken to me. Like when Pastor Robert from Hawaii prophesied over me and said that God knows my desires and He already has a perfect plan and it is coming soon, so I do not have to worry. When I remember that word, I can believe in God, because I am His child and I know He is the perfect Father who knows what’s best for me more than I know myself. I can trust in God. My faith in Him overcomes my worries for my future!
 - c. We just need to listen and ask God, trust in Him
 - i. Through prayer
 - ii. Reading the Bible
 - iii. Encouraging one another (church, cell groups, bible studies)
 - d. Remember and keep declaring “I am a child of God! I am an overcomer!”
 - e. When we worry about things like (money, the future, relationships, etc.)
 - i. We are not believing in God
 - ii. Let us repent
 - iii. Declare Jesus is our redeemer, our healer
 - iv. Through Him, we are overcomers!