



A LIFETIME OF OVERCOMING

VICTORY

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In 1741, Charles Wesley penned the hymn, "And Can It Be?" shortly after his conversion. Centuries later, prisoners in a World War II Japanese camp sang it quietly each evening. The line, "My chains fell off, my heart was free," became their secret anthem. Circumstances had not changed. The guards, barbed wire, and hunger remained. But within those walls, a victory culture blossomed. When liberation finally came, many testified that the real freedom had occurred months earlier in their spirits. Overcoming victory starts inside and unfailingly works its way out.

The paradox of Christian victory is that it is both a settled fact and an unfolding experience. Christ has already overcome the world (John 16:33), yet we're still walking out that victory in our daily lives. In other words, we don't fight for victory; we fight from victory.

Before you ever faced a battle, victory was already pronounced over your life. Just as God told Joshua, "I have given Jericho into your hand" (Joshua 6:2) before a single wall fell. In this month of Overcoming Victory, let us speak of victory as a present reality rather than a distant possibility. The resurrection of Christ was the ultimate demonstration of victory over the opposing forces of sin, death, hell, and the grave. And when Jesus rose, you rose with Him. His victory became your victory. Ephesians 2:6 declares that God "raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." From this elevated position, you don't look up at your problems; you look down at them from the vantage point of victory.

But what does it mean to truly live from this place of overcoming victory? It means a fundamental shift in how we approach life's challenges.

Many believers experience occasional breakthroughs followed by prolonged setbacks. God is establishing us in a different pattern of consistent, habitual victory. Notice how Revelation repeatedly addresses "he who overcomes" (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21), describing overcoming not as a one-time event but as a lifestyle characterizing God's people.

This month, God is cementing victory as your default setting, your normal experience rather than the exception. Just as David moved from defeating a lion and bear in obscurity to publicly conquering Goliath to eventually subduing nations as king, your victories are becoming progressively more significant and consistent.

God is calling us to fully occupy what grace has already provided. Every promise you've been standing on, every prophetic word spoken over your life, every aspect of Christ's finished work that applies to your situation, this is the moment to possess it fully.

**"BUT THANKS
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WHO GIVES US
THE VICTORY
THROUGH OUR
LORD JESUS
CHRIST."**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:57

To access and sustain overcoming victory in every facet of our lives, here are three key principles to keep in mind:

1. Maintain Victory Consciousness: Your mindset shapes your experience.

Romans 12:2 instructs us to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Victory begins with seeing yourself as God sees you, not as someone struggling to overcome but as someone who, in Christ, has already overcome. Every morning this month, declare: "I am not fighting for victory; I am fighting from victory. What Christ has won, I now walk in."

2. Apply Victory Strategically: General victories must be applied specifically. If you need healing, specifically apply Christ's victory over sickness to your body. If you face financial challenges, specifically apply His victory over lack to your resources. If relationships are strained, specifically apply His victory over division to your connections. Make it personal and precise.

3. Advance Victory Territorially: After securing victory in one area, move to the next. Joshua didn't stop after Jericho; he methodically conquered the entire promised land. What new territory is God calling you to possess this month? What areas have you left unofficially surrendered to the enemy? It's time to advance the borders of God's kingdom in your life.

Throughout history, we see examples of believers who lived from victory rather than for it. Think of Paul and Silas singing praises in prison before their chains fell off.

Consider Jehoshaphat putting the worshippers at the front of the army before the battle was won. Remember the early church, who, despite intense persecution, proclaimed the gospel with bold confidence because they knew the ultimate victory was already secured.

As we close the first third of this remarkable year, I am inspired by what God has been systematically building in our lives. From January's promises to May's victory, He has been establishing in us an unshakable confidence in His faithfulness and power. The remaining months will reveal even greater dimensions of His glory as we stand firmly on what has already been secured.

Remember, overcoming victory is not governed by your circumstances but by His unchangeable nature. Live from victory. Speak from victory. Advance from victory. By God's grace, overcoming is not just what you do; it's who you are!

