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LIVING WHAT WE LEARN

"YOU WERE MADE TO OVERCOME!"

Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

God did not save you.... so that you could spend the rest of your Christian life..... constantly defeated by the enemy.

According to the Word of God, your story does not have to end in defeat.

Verse 11 says 'they overcame him'- read the two verses below describing who 'him' is.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev. 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our



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God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Who is the "him" verse 11 is referring to?

What does Satan remind you of when he is 'accusing' you?

Have you been reminded of your past?

Have you been reminded of your failures?

Have you been reminded of missed opportunities?

Have you heard you are not worthy?

How do you feel when the enemy accuses you?

How do you react when the enemy accuses you?

Have you ever found yourself arguing, for example

Satan says "you are guilty" and you argue "I am not THAT bad"



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You should instead know... you have sinned, you have fallen short and you are in need of grace! Amen?

You don't defeat the accusation of Satan by defending my goodness.

You defeat his accusation by pointing to the goodness of Jesus!

1. THE BLOOD: REMEMBER WHAT JESUS HAS DONE

Your victory began at the cross!

Have you thought your victory came from your accomplishments, church attendance, goodness, ability to keep promises to God...etc?

- **Jesus took our place.**
- **Jesus carried our sin.**
- **Jesus bore our judgment.**
- **Jesus paid our debt.**
- **Jesus suffered our punishment.**

Jesus declared "It is finished" which is why when the accuser comes against you, you don't have to do anything except point him to the cross!



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Romans 8:33 asks:

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

Have you been accused by the enemy?

Have people accused you?

Has your past accused you?

Does your own heart accuse you?

None of them have the final word, Jesus does!

Your standing before God isn't determined by how you feel!

How does that make you feel?

2. THE TESTIMONY: DECLARE WHAT JESUS HAS DONE IN YOU

Revelation 12:11 says:

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"Testimony" carries the idea of witness.

Are you declaring that you belong to Jesus?

When you share your testimony are you telling how Jesus found you?

Do you share that Jesus delivered you?

Are you telling others "This is what Jesus did for me"?

How long does it take for you to share your testimony with someone else?

Are you comfortable sharing your story, of who you were, what Jesus did and who you are now?

Have you been guilty of making you the hero in your testimony?

How do you make sure you glorify God in your testimony?

3. THE SURRENDER: DECIDE THAT JESUS IS WORTH EVERYTHING

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These believers were so committed to Jesus that even the threat of death couldn't cause them to abandon Him.

How would you describe the cost when you see that those believers suffered, many were persecuted and some killed?

Heaven says : THEY OVERCAME

How would they 'overcome' when they were defeated on earth?

You cannot intimidate someone with death when that person knows resurrection is coming.

Followers of Jesus knew if they followed Jesus, they may die...

Their answer:

**"To live is Christ, and to die is gain."
Phil. 1:21.**

What is your response when asked the same question? Following Jesus may lead you to death...

How much is Jesus worth to you?

- **Will you follow Jesus when it is inconvenient?**



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- **Will you follow Jesus when obedience costs you something?**
- **Will you follow Jesus when culture disagrees with you?**
- **Will you follow Jesus when your friends walk away?**
- **Will you follow Jesus when you don't understand what He is doing?**
- **Will you follow Jesus when your prayers are not answered the way you expected?**
- **Will you follow Jesus when following Him requires sacrifice?**

3 DECLARATIONS OF AN OVERCOMER

THE BLOOD SAYS:

“Jesus has done everything necessary for my salvation.”

THE TESTIMONY SAYS:

“I will not be ashamed to tell what Jesus has done for me.”

THE SURRENDER SAYS:

“Jesus is worth everything.”



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When the enemy tries to convince you that following Jesus costs too much...do you find Jesus is worth everything?

Do you have a testimony?

Has Jesus Christ saved you?

Does your testimony witness to the One who saved you?

THE BLOOD — remember what Jesus has done.

THE TESTIMONY — declare what Jesus has done in you.

THE SURRENDER — decide that Jesus is worth everything.

THE BLOOD STILL SPEAKS.

YOUR TESTIMONY STILL MATTERS.

JESUS IS STILL WORTH EVERYTHING.

You are an overcomer, will you act like it?

What was the biggest take away from today's lesson?