

# Overcomers for Christ

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# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ


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## Overcomers for Christ, We Must Care

By B.T.

It truly breaks my heart to see the way our own American people treat and feel about one another these days. Many times, I wish there were more that I could do, on a larger scale. But wait, our Creator says the most powerful thing we all can do is pray. I pray each and every morning. Before anyone is even awake, I read my Bible and pray for everyone around the world, no matter who it might be. I care for the whole world.

Before I move on, I want to thank everyone of you there at the  for your love and caring for all of the incarcerated who haven't heard from our people. Those of us who have no people and those who the world has just cast away.

Just because of who we were, people think that we are so much different than them. But that's not the truth. No matter who a person may be, who they once were or who they think they are, we are all equal. I always ask the Lord to forgive those who dislike others. Look what's going on in the world around us today. People, we MUST learn to love one another no matter the color of their skin, what they believe or where they originate from! I don't know about all of you reading this, but God has brought me a long, long way from where I used to be. He has changed me from a cast away, to a brand-new man. Today I am so full of faith, because of Christ Jesus in my life. I continually give God all the glory not only for what He has already done in my life, but as well for what He does daily and what He will continue to do for the rest of the days that I follow Him. It's because of Jesus that I now know who I am up against 24/7.

The previous times when I was in prison, before I was saved, I couldn't understand how in the world I made it through all of the things that I came face to face with. I've been locked up for almost 26 years now and I've never had any fights. I didn't realize my Creator was watching over me. There is no other explanation. I have learnt and continue to learn that you can never run away from problems, trials, or circumstances of any kind. When I would come across evil things in my surroundings, I would ask God to rip them apart. I soon realized I was so wrong to say things like that. My testimony would take a whole book to read. I used to be a nobody, but now I am a child of God, and no one can convince me of anything different! I once was lost, but now I'm found. I was once blind, but now I see! Hallelujah!

I used to think that running away would help evil things from happening. NO WAY! It doesn't work that way. For me, what has helped is reading and studying the Bible. I've written hundreds and hundreds of Scriptures, with many questions, searching for answers. I refused to stop until I had the answers. It took what seemed like many hard years to get those answers, but God did start revealing them to me, in His Word. It's important that we walk through them remembering that God has it all under control. When we run from trials or circumstances it might appear to God that we don't believe in His capabilities and lack faith in Him.

In the Old Testament, **Deuteronomy 31:6**, the LORD promised Joshua, ***"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*** And then in the New Testament, **Hebrews 13:5**, (AMP) the author here states the same promise, ***"Let your character [your moral essence, your inner nature] be free from the love of money [shun greed—be financially ethical], being content with what you have; for He has said, 'I will never [under any circumstances] desert you [nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you [assuredly not]!"***

So, why shouldn't we run from trials and circumstances? Well, here's a couple reasons. In **1 John 4:4**, ***"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*** Then, in **Hebrews 11:6** (Message), ***"It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that He exists and that He cares enough to respond to those who seek Him."*** God's promises stand! And as we are obedient, He also promises, ***"Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."*** (**Psalms 37:4**) There is no other way, we must trust and obey.

In **Deuteronomy 30:19-20** the LORD gives great promises, not only for us, but as well for 'our' generations that follow Him, ***"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying Him, and committing yourself firmly to Him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."*** Regardless of what you and I choose to do or not to do, we've still made a choice. We have been given the free will, the choice, to follow God or to not follow Him. If we do not enter the kingdom of heaven, it will not be the Lord's fault. Our own choices will either save us or condemn us. In fact, **2 Peter 3:8-9** clearly states, ***"But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."***

Staying in context, let's read **2 Peter 3:10-11**, "***But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.***"

Jesus promises us, in **Luke 10:19**, "***I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.***" Doesn't this sound a lot like **Psalms 91:13**, "***You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent***"? I love how the LORD speaks up and confirms in **Psalms 91:14-16**, "***'Because he loves Me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call on Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.'***" Quit simply because we love and follow Jesus, notice God is saying, "***I will***". You do know that an "***I will***" from God indicates His promise, don't you?

I've learned not to be afraid of the 10,000 people that set themselves against me. Instead, I trust God no matter what I might think or even see with my natural eyesight. **Hebrews 11:1** (NKJV) states, "***Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.***" I truly believe the key words here are, "***Now faith is.***" It's not the faith we might have had or the faith we're going to have, it's the faith we have NOW, because God IS in the now! Here's what **Hebrews 11:1** (Message) says, "***The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see.***" With this kind of faith, God is continually building me stronger and stronger. I choose to believe what God says He will do, He will do. I encourage you all to trust, believe, have faith, hope, patience, and love. Build yourselves up on the solid foundation of Jesus, He is our only Rock!

So, **Overcomers** for **Christ** family, let's choose to walk in love and stop all of the negative talk and backbiting. Negative anything isn't good, in fact it's a waste of time. It hurts our relationship with God more than it hurts anything else. Remember, we will eat the fruit of the things that we say. Words are powerful and they are seeds. If we speak negatively, we get negative. If we speak positive, we get positive. Thus, as Scripture affirms, every seed will produce after its own kind. Do you see the difference in our choices? Choose to speak good, kind words. No matter how you may feel, regardless of the things you may be going through, be patient. Patient is a keyword.

God will walk you through it all if you trust Him. Trust is another key word. Stay strong and keep your faith because the battle belongs to God. Wait, be still and watch for the Salvation of the Lord. As hard as it may seem to be, don't hate anyone or anything that God doesn't hate. And just a reminder, God does not hate people whether they are saved or not. Again, remember what **2 Peter 3:9** says, "***... He is patient with you (and everyone else), not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.***" However, what He does hate is sin. In **Ephesians 6:12**, the Apostle Paul reminds us of this very thing, "***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***" I encourage us all to love and forgive. Stay in peace with everyone and allow Jesus to shine in you so that others will see Him.

As I walk the walk of faith and discipline myself, I seek positive possibilities in every situation. We may still face realities of sickness or separation from loved ones. But regardless, I chose to shape life's realities before they can ravage my mind until I am devastated with worry. I've learned that my faith, when applied, erases anxiety. God can handle any kind of problem that I can't. I have chosen to replace worry with work. I have chosen to replace anxiety with ambition. I have chosen to replace depression with a new drive. I have chosen to replace stress with success. With faith in God, I will always win! Remember, nothing is as dull as yesterday's race. When it's all over, we must always be living in today and then tomorrow.

Remember, choosing to forgive is an act of your will. So, let's choose to confess our own sins. **First John 1:9** reads, "***If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.***" The next step is to believe you have been forgiven and cleansed by faith, not according to the way we may still feel. It's the enemy that keeps bringing up our past, not God! **Micah 7:19** confirms this last sentence, "***Once again You will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!***" Now go ahead and give God a big praise of thanksgiving!! Tell Jesus how grateful you are that 'He made the choice' to take your place on the Cross! Tell Him how much you love Him! God is not needy, but He truly loves to know that we are thankful and grateful for His amazing grace and love! Somebody yell, HALLEUJAH!

**THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US. AND IF WE KNOW THAT HE HEARS US - WHATEVER WE ASK - WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE ASKED OF HIM. 1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)**

## Prayer Requests

Thank you for the Christmas card and all of your encouraging words that were written in it. I know that God will take care of me in all the ways He possibly can from my own mind, but I pray every day and night in here that one day I will be able to see past this earthly world and stay more focused on my eternal home. But as you know from where I sit, it is a whole lot easier said than done and I constantly fight within myself about how this health condition affects my children, grandchildren and my parents who have always been there for me regardless of all my faults. I love to read this newsletter you guys send, and I will continue to pray for all of you and the other brothers and sisters throughout the system who are on this same journey of love. I look forward to your next newsletter and mail. Take care and God bless. **Proverbs 3:7-8** helps me a lot, **"Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones."** ...

Lord Jesus, Daddy, and Holy Spirit, I ask it to be Your will for me to be received of this housing assignment and I get to go home with my beloved bride to be. Lord, I am alive in You like never before and I want more of You Jesus. I praise You and our heart's desire to glorify You to the most and greatest ever second only to Your resurrection. We love and pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, amen ... **K.Z.**

Can I please put in a prayer request for the next newsletter? I would like for everyone to join me and pray for Victoria's family. She just lost her mama, Rita. Let's agree with the Word of God, that He will give their family peace, comfort, and joy that she is not suffering anymore. It's not easy losing a loved one, especially when we are in prison. I also want you all to join me in prayer that God continues to strengthen my faith and gives me the courage to deal with anything that comes my way. Let's pray for everyone that is still lost and alone, may they find their way through our Lord Jesus Christ ... **R.G.**

Praise God, the Most High! Please, this man in his 70s, he is very bony, thin and he's got a beautiful Jesus smile and glow. He was taken to the hospital, and he is in the medical unit. Pray for him, please ... **R.V.**

Pray for the people making the decisions for my brother in Christ J.T. and for my release from prison this year. Pray they have a heart of Jesus and compassion for us. Pray for Roger L. to break the addictions in his life as well, Gayle, Mark, and Gregg for healing. Also, Andrew Wommack's prayer line, as you probably know, is 719-635-1111 for a powerful prayer of agreement ... **G.M.L.**

Please pray for my mother, Dalene. She will have hernia surgery soon. We're believing for the healing hand of God to guide the surgeon's and a quick recovery. She's the best Christian I've ever known ... **D.L.**

## Praise Reports

People once a year celebrate Jesus' birth and we also celebrate His resurrection. He gave us a free ticket to paradise. All we have to do is accept it. Thank You, Jesus! Blue sky today and short sleeves, only our heavenly home is better. God bless you all at **Overcomers for Christ**. Jesus is Lord! Jesus is risen! Thank You, Jesus ... **H.O.**

First, a new thought to share. In a few months, I'll complete my 14th year "in custody" or "in freedom", depending on one's perspective. Prior to my arrest, I was in the world, imprisoned by my own selfish lusts and desires and without any release date. I was serving a life sentence in the world in the custody of my habits and sin. Yet, today in the custody of the state, but in Christ - I am eternally and even presently free in ways beyond my imagination. What a blessing, yes blessing, to have been taken into captivity, out of the world for a season. What an opportunity to strengthen and develop the walk of love and grace, so when the day comes to leave this sanctuary, I will have the grace and experience to continue following in His steps. Giving thanks "in" and "for" everything means giving thanks in prison, and for the people my Father employed to bring and keep me here. Praise God ... **G.H.**

Thank you for a great letter. I hope and pray you're well and doing great things in His Name. I'm truly blessed and highly favored beyond measure. Work has been awesome! We scored an almost perfect score following a state audit. Praise the Lord! This life is a wonderful experience because I get to love as I practice hard lovin'. I get loved on by God and my wife, Tammy, too. I'm drunk on love, I get silly like a school-boy, all happy most of the time. Something big is fixin' to happen. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus ... it's all about His glory and the more I strive to bring Him more glory through love the more love I'm swimming in. I agree about making a mess of everything, if it were up to my will, instead my eyes are on God with Jesus as the lens I see through. I see pieces have been moved in me and my life that's why I know there will be a change real soon. Jesus is steady workin' in me doin' improvements. Life for me is so exciting. God is great and the heart in my chest is Jesus' heart, He took my old callous hardened heart and as it is written gave me one of flesh after His own heart and a hunger for His deepest desires. You are awesome and have lifted me up many times, I praise Jesus over you and your love ... **K.Z.**

I was glad to receive your letter. We have to give thanks for everything that God has created. He even created us. God did not make any mistakes on me. Praise God ... **R.S.**

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## From the Inside

### Words of Wisdom

By H.M.

Not one word, not even the sweet word "Mercy" will sum up the rich and manifold Character of God. The Bible says, "**God is love.**" (1 John 4:8) But it also says, "**Our God is a consuming fire.**" (Hebrews 2:29) The truth lies in these two extremes. There is mercy in God, but it's mingled with severity. There is wrath in God, but it is tempered with mercy. See **Psalms 50:17-23** and **Romans 2:7-11**.

**Psalms 50:17-23** – "**For you refuse My discipline and treat My words like trash. When you see thieves, you approve of them, and you spend your time with adulterers. Your mouth is filled with wickedness, and your tongue is full of lies. You sit around and slander your brother, your own mother's son. While you did all this, I remained silent, and you thought I didn't care. But now I will rebuke you, listing all My charges against you. Repent, all of you who forget Me, or I will tear you apart, and no one will help you. But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors Me. If you keep to My path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God.**"

**Romans 2:7-11** – "**He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. But He will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness. There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on doing what is evil, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.**"

Only the Bible is the true 100% authoritative representation of God. Christ's grace prevents us from being ruled by our sin. Naturally God's Word prevents us from thinking sin isn't serious. See **1 John 1:7**.

**1 John 1:7** – "**But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.**"

Obviously when sin is given opportunity, it can take over our lives. Consider the quoted words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel always, if necessary - use words." In other words, let your walk speak louder than your mouth. Leaders who serve will serve as good leaders. The writer of Hebrews speaks of such a "heavenly calling" and that we are given "aid". See **Hebrews 2:18** and **3:1**.

**Hebrews 2:18** – "**Since He Himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested.**"

**Hebrews 3:1** – "**And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest.**"

Whenever you see the word "therefore" (see **2 Peter 1:10**), one should invariably ponder what the "therefore" is there for.

**2 Peter 1:5-10** – "**But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control, perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.**"

Always remember we're never alone. **John 14:18** states, "**I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.**"

Nevertheless, sin has affected every part of mankind. Redemption is not a simple but rather complex problem requiring the wisdom and power of God. **Isaiah 53:6** explains, "**All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way.**" This "own way" selfishness is the basic element in mankind's sinfulness. It must end. It must die! The provision for this deep need in mankind's nature is not the blood, it's the Cross. Isn't it wonderful that God calls us out of darkness into His Marvelous light! See **1 Peter 2:9**.

**1 Peter 2:9** – "**But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that**

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*you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."*

But also we should always remember the ramifications of slothfulness and it does not come without cost. See **Ezekiel 3:18**.

**Ezekiel 3:18** – *"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand."*

If we reject the call to Holiness, we are in actuality rejecting God. See **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8**.

**1 Thessalonians 4:7-8** – *"For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit."*

As Martin Luther said of himself, "We are to believe and live and love and work as though Jesus Christ died yesterday, rose today and is coming again tomorrow."

Note that revival can come only from God and only through His people. See **2 Chronicles 7:14**.

**2 Chronicles 7:14** – *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

Our prayers are stored in heaven and have potential beyond our comprehension. See **Revelation 8:1-5**.

**Revelation 8:1-5** – *"When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."*

In closing we should consider **Matthew 6:9-13**. It is commonly called the Lord's Prayer, but in actuality it should be called the disciple's prayer and is an example for our prayers.

*"In this manner, therefore, pray:*

*Our Father in heaven,*

*Hallowed be Your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

*Your will be done*

*On earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,*

*As we forgive our debtors.*

*And do not lead us into temptation,*

*But deliver us from the evil one.*

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

## **Jeremiah 52:1-34**

Babylon's king showed kindness to Jehoiachin. In 56 B.C. Jehoiachin was released from prison and allowed to eat with the king. God continued to show kindness to the descendants of King David in exile. **(52:32)**

In the world's eyes, Jeremiah looked totally unsuccessful. He had no money, family, or friends. He prophesied the destruction of the nation, the capital city, and the temple, but the political and religious leaders would not accept or follow his advice. No group of people liked him or listened to him. Yet as we look back, we see that he successfully completed the work God gave him to do. Success must never be measured by popularity, fame, or fortune. For these are temporal measures. King Zedekiah, for example, lost everything by pursuing selfish goals. God measures our success with His yardsticks of obedience, faithfulness, and righteousness. If you are faithfully doing the work God has given you, you are successful in His eyes. **(52:34)**

## **Philemon 1:1-25**

In this letter from Paul, he asks Philemon to treat his slave, Onesimus, with brotherly forgiveness. Paul could have ordered this done but instead he asked for a favor. Tactful persuasion accomplishes a great deal more than commands. When dealing with people remember to exhibit courtesy and respect. As Christians, we should forgive as we have been forgiven. See **Matthew 6:12**. True forgiveness means that we treat the one forgiven as we would want to be treated. **(1:10)**

## **Psalms 100:1-102:28**

God alone is worthy of being worshiped. What is your attitude towards worship? Do you willingly and joyfully come into God's presence, or are you just going through the motions, reluctantly going to church? The Psalm tells us to remember God's goodness and dependability, and then to worship with thanksgiving and praise. **(100:1)**

Our friends and associates can have a profound influence on our life. Make sure to keep your eyes on those who are faithful to God and His Word. **(101:6)**

At times we may need to be alone, and solitude may comfort us. But we must be careful not to spurn those who reach out to us. Don't reject help and conversation. Suffering silently is neither Christian nor particularly healthy. Instead, accept graciously the support and help from family and friends. **(102:6-7)**

Problems and heartaches can overwhelm us and cause us to feel that God has rejected us. But God, our Creator, is eternally with us and will keep His promises, even though we may feel alone. The world will perish, but God will remain. **Hebrews 1:10-12** quotes these verses to show that Jesus Christ, God's Son, was also present and active at the creation of the world. **(102:25-27)**

## **Proverbs 26:28**

Lying and flattery will accomplish nothing, other than hate and ruin. **(26:28)**

## **“Foot” Notes** HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Hello to all our Lady Overcomers! I know that if your an Overcomer that you mothers, grandmothers, and possibly great grandmothers have all survived your fair share of trials, temptations, and tribulations and in doing such I believe you Ladies have a much keener understanding of what Mary, Jesus' mother, endured so long ago more so than us fellas.

I wanted to let you Ladies know that you are loved and appreciated. Through the eyes of God every one of you regardless of your past are totally worthy of God's love and grace, each of you amazing in your own unique ways in which God made you all to be. May God continue to bless and guide you all. Thank you all for simply being who you are as strong women of God.

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Love to y'all short and tall! Vaya Con Dios ... Don't Ride Faster Than Your Angels Can Fly!



## God Made You to Be You

By Rick Warren

***“You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother’s body.” - Psalm 139:13 (NCV)***

God planned every single day of your life. Before you took your first breath, God knew everything that would ever happen to you.

Long before you were conceived by your biological parents, you were conceived in the mind of God. It is not by fate, chance, luck, or coincidence that you are breathing at this very moment. You’re alive right now because God wants you, with all of your strengths and weaknesses, to be alive.

Whether your parents were good, bad, or indifferent, God used them. They had the exact DNA needed to create you. God wanted you alive. From the beginning of time, God has had a plan for your life, and He has a purpose He wants you to complete. God made you to be you.

The Bible says, ***“You made my whole being; You formed me in my mother’s body. I praise You because You made me in an amazing and wonderful way . . . You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother’s body. When I was put together there, You saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in Your book before I was one day old.” (Psalm 139:13-16 NCV).***

God created you so He could love you for eternity. Your parents may have contributed your DNA, but God made you. You were not just another baby born. God personally planned for your birth. You are God’s masterpiece. He made you so He could love you and so you could fulfill His purposes in this world. At different seasons of life, you may struggle to see what that purpose is. But you never have to doubt that it’s there. Before you were born, God gave you a purpose!

What do you think about the truth that God wants you alive?

What are some ways you might apply this truth in your life?

God made you to be you. Are there areas in your life where you are not being you? Why do you think you’re allowing that to happen?

Have you ever praised God for making you “in an amazing and wonderful way”? Spend some time in prayer now, thanking God for how He’s made you. God created you so He could love you forever.

He also wants You to live with Him forever in heaven. That will only happen if you repent of your sins and commit to following Jesus. If you’re ready to commit your life to Jesus today, then pray this prayer:

“Dear Jesus, You have promised that if I believe in You, everything I’ve ever done wrong will be forgiven, I will learn the purpose of my life, and You will accept me into Your eternal home in heaven one day. I confess my sin, and I believe You are God, my Savior. I receive You into my life as my Lord. Today, I’m turning every part of my life over to You. I want to follow You and do what You tell me to do. Jesus, I am grateful for Your love and Your sacrifice that made it possible for me to join You in heaven. I know I don’t deserve it. And I thank You that I don’t have to earn or work for my salvation, because I know that is impossible. I want to use the rest of my life to serve You instead of serving myself. I humbly commit my life to You, and I ask You to save me and accept me into Your family. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

### *Quote Worthy*

“There comes a time in a man’s life when to get where he has to go, if there are no doors or windows, he walks through a wall.”

– Bernard Malamud (1914 – 1986) an American novelist and short story writer. He was one of the best known American Jewish authors of the 20th century. His baseball novel, *The Natural*, was adapted into a 1984 film starring Robert Redford. His 1966 novel *The Fixer* (also filmed), about antisemitism in the Russian Empire, won both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

# Overcomer's Testimonies

You will not believe what has been happening to me, no, you surely will!

Just some short history first. Since I was 8 years old, over 52 years ago, life was sad and scary for me, from the divorce of my parents to the death of my older brother. By the time I was a preteen, about 11 to 12 years old, I started getting into real bad trouble. I was completely uncontrollable for my mother, the law, and the court system. There was always talk of God in the background. Even though it was there it never meant much to me. Of course, you already know what this leads to, a life of sin and prison.

God is in my life now like never before. Something in me has opened up like a Sunflower blooming. Between my mother in the past, Mike, Linda, the *Overcomers for Christ* and now you and Andrew Wommack I have found God and can't get enough! I enrolled in a Bible study through Andrew Wommack Ministries and was waiting for my first packet. Listen to this. The same day I talked with Linda I received your card AND I also received from Andrew Wommack Ministries, My Appointment with God (his personal revelation) and the big one, the Book of Romans! WOW!

I am engrossed in this book. I am reading and rereading sometimes three and four times to understand the Scriptures. I'm using my dictionary to learn the meaning of the words I don't understand. I feel like I am living for the very first time. I feel good and at peace. I've never known anything like this before. I'm learning about and loving God! I feel like good things can happen to me. I trust that Jesus has my back, even in this environment. I feel like I don't have to always be in control, and it feels great!

I don't know if what is happening to me is how it works when you turn your life completely over to God or not. I don't really know how to explain it, I feel like a sponge and I'm absorbing ALL of these new things. This is very shocking for me because I often felt that this would never happen to me. I've often thought, "How do you know if God is really working in your life? How do you know that you have really come to love God, Jesus, and everything that you've heard all of your life?"

I'm here to confess, as my testimony, that EVERYTHING that exists in the print of the Bible I believe is real and the only way to God! As you can tell, whatever it is, it HAS taken place in my heart. I'm trying to explain how I feel, but I'm not sure it's coming out how I expected it to. But that's okay!

I'm half afraid to mail you this as I'm not sure that I've made any sense. Oh well, here it comes. – D.P.

## FUN FACTS

May 22nd – In 1992, Johnny Carson hosted his final episode of *The Tonight Show*, it was his 4,531 episode. Johnny Carson began his tenure as the host of *The Tonight Show* in 1962.

May 24th – In 1864, a telegram containing the 16,543-word Nevada Constitution arrived in Washington, D.C., after being sent two days earlier from Carson City, Nevada. It is thought to be the longest telegram ever sent, at a cost of \$4,303.

May 25th – In 1787, the Constitutional Convention convened in Philadelphia, with George Washington presiding.

May 25th – In 1935, Jesse Owens set three track and field world records, and tied a fourth at the Big Ten Championship in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

May 25th – In 1961, U.S. President John F. Kennedy announced his plan to put a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

May 25th – In 1977, the first *Star Wars* movie was released in American theaters.

May 29th – In 1990, Rickey Anderson stole his 893rd base, breaking Ty Cobb's American League career stolen base record.

May 31st – In 2013, an EF5 tornado struck El Reno, Oklahoma. It is the widest tornado recorded in history, 2.6 miles in diameter.

## What Others Are Saying...

"This is another letter of gratitude for the many cards and newsletters you've sent over the years. All of you there, are valued to me beyond measure, and shall always be in my prayers and dear to my heart." - **A.P.**

"**OC** family, thank you again for always lifting my mood. The gracious inspiring birthday card/letter you all sent really made my day. I haven't written in quite some time due to disconcerting living circumstances beyond my control. In February I turned 64 years young. The good news is that if I'm still incarcerated at 65 the prison system is required to relocate me to an environmentally appropriate prison. I'm positive that God wants me to be free and my hope is in Jesus! As you all know, **Hebrews 11:1** states, "**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.**" Additionally, we read in **Hebrews 10:23**, "**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.**" All of you there at the **OC** will forever be in my prayers and dear to my heart." - **H.A.M.**

"I just wanted to say a big thank you for all that you all do for us the less fortunate ones! You are appreciated." - **L.S.**

"Just a quick note to let you know I'm praying for you all and still receiving your love through the mail on a regular basis. Shine brightly family and know that those seeds of love that you plant are growing. With all glory to the Most High." - **J.H.**

"**Overcomers for Christ**, I wanted to really express my gratitude and my deepest appreciation for taking the time to print my pray request. It really brightened up my entire time since I have been back in prison. That's been 3 ½ years on a 14-year sentence. I know that I still have a long journey ahead of me until I get out of the state and head towards the Federal prison. But I do know that with God first and foremost in my life, everything will be just fine. Every time I read one of your letters, the newsletters, or cards it really does enlighten every second of my day. Thank you all for taking the time to do what you do for each and every one of us here in prison, across the United States. Thanks for all of the visits you've done for those of us that were in the county jails too, your words really help with a much clearer understanding of the Scriptures." - **F.P.C.**

## Christian Comedy

Shout out to the people who demand to know what the opposite of 'in' is.

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Hello everyone! We have been working with Andrew Wommack Ministries, Charis Bible College, to have their books and Inmate Bible Study (IBS by mail) available to ALL of you that are currently incarcerated. The request was finally approved! This is **FREE** of charge! Each month when you write they will ship your requested book, **FREE!**

To obtain these materials in either English or Spanish you simply need to write: **Andrew Wommack Ministries - P.O. Box 3333 Colorado Springs, CO 80934-3333** and begin to grow even deeper in your relationship with the Lord. Get started today, your walk will never be the same!

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## Sin No More By J.H.

They brought her to Jesus, guilty, caught and alone, Are you at  
His feet? Or holding a stone?  
His actions and blood freed us, only in Him am I whole, thank You  
Dad for forgiveness.  
You think you bad? King David had it all, a loss of traction, Bath-  
sheba had him bad.

We're forgiven, consequences still remain, His Child was the One  
to pay,  
I converse with the greatest, in His wisdom He made us,  
He's patient with no short fuse, His wisdom is infinite,  
He waited while I refused, while I rummaged through the refuse,

It amazes me daily that He chose, in His love He scolds,  
Creation was created when He spoke, "Stay on the vine and the  
roots won't choke"  
This rude world showed me, Jesus, my only hope!

Inspired by **Luke 7:44-48**, ***"Do you see this woman? I entered  
your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has  
washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair  
of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not  
ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not  
anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet  
with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are  
many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is  
forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, 'Your  
sins are forgiven.'"***

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