



# Overcomers for Christ

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o **LORD,**

**You** are our

**Father. We** are the  
**clay,**

and **You** are the

**potter. We** all are

formed by **Your**

**hand.**

Isaiah 64:8

# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ October & November 2015



## Why Must I Go about Mourning? - Psalm 42:9

Contributed by D.G.

Dear believer, can you answer the above question? Can you find any reason why you are so often mourning instead of rejoicing? Why do you allow your mind to dwell on gloomy thoughts? Who told you that night will never end in day? Who told you that the winter of your discontent would continue from frost to frost and from snow, ice and hail to even deeper snow and stronger storms of despair? Don't you know that day dawns after night, showers displace drought, and spring and summer follow winter? Then have hope! Hope forever, for God will not fail you! - **Charles A. Spurgeon**

He was better to me than all my hopes;  
He was better to me than all my fears;  
He made a bridge of my broken works,  
And a rainbow of my tears.

The stormy waves that marked my ocean path did carry my  
Lord on their crest;  
When I dwell on the days of my wilderness march, I can lean  
on His love for the rest.

He emptied my hands of my treasured store  
And His covenant love revealed,  
There was not a wound in my aching heart  
The calm of His breath has not healed.  
Oh tender and true was His disciples sore  
In wisdom that taught and tried,  
Till the soul that He sought was trusting in Him  
And nothing on earth beside.

He guided my paths that I could not see,  
By ways that I have not known;  
The crooked was straight, and the rough was plain  
As I followed the Lord above.  
I praise Him still for the pleasant palms  
And the desert streams by the way.  
For the glowing pillar of flame by night,  
And the sheltering cloud by day.

Never a time on the dreariest day,  
But some promise of love endears;  
I read from the past that my future will be  
Far better than all my fears.  
Like the golden jar, of the wilderness bread,  
Stored up with the blossoming rod,  
All safe in the ark, with the law of the Lord  
Is the covenant care of my God.

## Do You Believe In Miracles?

By J.P.

In 1998, I had a blood clot go through my heart and into my lung, and ever since that my health has gotten worse. Then in 1999, my mother passed away and if that weren't devastating enough three months later my dad passed away as well. My wife, bless her heart, continued to take care of me. I lost my job in 2004 due to my failing health. Then three days before our anniversary, my wife passed away.

Feeling totally alone and confused I asked God, "What else could possibly happen to me?" Then one month later, my 3 year old grand baby passed away! I quickly became suicidal in my mind. My son, bless his heart, took me in and helped take care of me and even helped me out of that suicidal state.

Fast forwarding a little bit ... I was caught up in something that I perceived as 'trying to do something good' but the Federal Government said I needed to do five years in prison for. Shortly after I arrived here to prison I fell back into that suicidal thinking again. I spent several days just staring out the window, not eating or anything.

Then one day a brother from the Chapel got wind of me and my situation and came to talk with me. When he seen that he was not reaching me, he physically grabbed my wheel chair and TOOK me to the Chapel. Do you believe in miracles? Well, I now do! When this brother parked me in front of that big Cross hanging on the wall, it was like being slapped on the back of the head with a strong feeling of, "WAKE UP! I HAVE THINGS FOR YOU TO DO!" From that moment on all of the suicidal thoughts and depression disappeared! Today I am very happy and I am spreading God's Word where ever I can. All of these events have often caused me to think about Job and the tests that were in his life. Whenever I do, I know that I am in good company. "Praise His name! He has risen!"

## A Special Thank You


By M.S.

December 24, 2015 - I'm so sorry it took me so long to write this letter because I have been planning on having it written and sent out much sooner. Well, it's Christmas Eve and I am here thinking about everyone I care about and wanted to send my best wishes and love to you all this holiday season. Thank you so much for your response to the letter I sent you, and the beautiful card you sent me. Also, thanks for updating my mailing address, I have begun to receive your newsletters here at the new facility I'm in.

I received the December issue last week and have not opened it yet, I am saving it for Christmas morning. I wanted to congratulate you Wade and Michelle on your anniversary. My parents just celebrated their forty-second anniversary last

month. I am so happy your trip went so well and you guys had so much fun. Thank you for the tour Captain Duck, I did enjoy it and also Michelle's testimony and faith in the Lord that made it all possible.

I kept flipping back and forth between the articles and the pictures on the cover and glory meeting section. You captured some really cool shots, thank you for sharing them with us. I read an article you wrote about a friend of yours who was sick and wrote you to say he wished he could see you come around the corner on your bicycle one more time. Then I saw the picture you sent him of you on your bicycle. That wowed me, and I pictured the smile he had when he received that picture from you. That was so cool you thought of it and made his wish come true.

I hope you all at  have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and safe New Year. I hope this holiday season brings blessings that last throughout the new year. Thank you for all your love and support, I appreciate it very much. I am sending all my love and prayers and I wish you all the best.

December 25, 2015 - Hello again. I was not expecting to write another letter but after I read my newsletter it is exactly what I wanted to do.

This morning we got cell fed, what I like to call "breakfast in bed". As soon as I finished eating I lifted my mat to retrieve the December newsletter. That is where I hid it so I didn't open it early. As I was carefully opening it (it was still completely sealed) I had memories of many Christmas' past when I was a child opening gifts. The first thing I look at is the cover, Glory Meeting and the title of the article on page 3. Right at the top I seen "Hello everyone and Merry Christmas," I was so happy to have waited to open it on Christmas morning and felt the greeting was most appropriate for the moment. I always read the main article through, then come back to the prayer requests, From the Inside, and Foot's study notes section in the middle. I want to thank everyone who helped put this issue together for all the love, hope and support in all the letters contributed in it. I'm not sure where my eyes began to tear up but by the end of the newsletter I had to grab a towel to dry off my face.

I felt a joyful sadness that made me feel alive and that I have a life worth meaning. It also reminded me of my mother, where I inherited my compassionate heart from. I want to congratulate Cory on his Baptism. Thank you Michelle, the letter you wrote us was very encouraging to read as I am so far from home and am missing my loved ones. I'm happy my letter made it in "From the Inside". I wasn't expecting to see that and was happy to have contributed to the newsletter myself. I felt as if you shared this holiday with me and I have much gratitude and appreciation for that. I will be sure to save my December newsletter for Christmas morning again next year. I hope this brought memories that make you smile all year long. I am sending all my love and prayers.

### **"VANN" TAGE POINT By David E.**

Ninety-nine days left, you can officially call me a double digit midget. I will be facing some serious financial obstacles when I get out. \$70,000 in restitution and \$300-\$400 grand in IRS debt. Everyone will want a piece of Vann's arse. Yet, despite all of this, I have always known that somehow God will provide me with a way out, and as I get closer to the gate, as weird as it may sound, I feel His blessings in my life will be presenting themselves in big ways, far larger than the debt that tries to loom over me at this moment.

I know that it will be rough at first, this I am prepared for. I really don't see me as being released, but instead being moved to a much bigger, much cooler yard with lots of food, lots of visits, women and even scooters (and much more!). Financially though I'm locked up. After rent, bike payments, insurance, phone bill and IRS, the money I get from my 9 to 5 will be gone, and will probably remain this way for at least a couple of years, more like a little more than a few. It's all part of my next sentence and I've come to peace with it.

I understand that the reason it's easier for me to accept this is because years ago God made me a free man where it counts the most, and that revelation gives me the strength to persevere through any troubles I face. In order for me to deal with what the world will have to throw at me, I need to stay focused spiritually.

I think I'll need your help. I believe God has put you in my life for a reason, not only as a spiritual advisor, not only as the great friend you have always been, but I believe that as I rise above this adversity and as I come into success on the other side of it, that its testimony will be brought to others through you and your ministry as its conduit. I think that everything I've been through has helped me grow in ways that give me a clear perception needed to deal with the responsibilities that come with wealth and prosperity, as well as the respect used in the distribution of such blessings. I foresee your ministry growing in the aspect also.

First things first though, building foundations to stand on is the first priority, which means a job and transportation.

Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done **Philippians 4:6 (NLT)**

### Prayer Requests

Please keep us inmates in prayer. I ask for strength, love, peace and wisdom. I pray for His hedge of protection over our children ... **C.P.**

I've been battling a back injury for the last 11 months. Pain and suffering of the worst kind. Never caused me to miss a day of work so far, but if you would be so kind as to add me to the prayer requests, I'd greatly appreciate it ... **D.G.**

Please pray for my life to come together and that I meet someone special. I'll be home in 9-18 months (God willing 9 months). Please come into agreement with me on this, "prayer warriors in agreement" in Christ ... **B.E.**

Can you please add my name to your prayer list at the church? Please pray for my health, my family and for my safety. Please ask the Good Lord to keep me safe and move me out of this prison to a prison out of state, because my life is in danger. I want to change but I need to be around Christian's so I can stay on the right track. Pray for my situation because God knows my situation. The devil is alive and trying so hard to move a person in the wrong way. Thank you for your time and consideration. God bless you all at the **Overcomers for Christ ... T.F.**

I would like everyone to pray for my cousin, that God heals her diabetes and high blood pressure. Please pray for my mom and my brother that they get clean and sober and off the streets. I ask Father God to place a hedge of protection over my daughter, and all the orphans and children around the world, to keep them from any harm and danger. Please pray for my friend C that when she leaves here God will bless her and keep her on the right path in her life so she will not come back to prison. I pray for my co-defendants, that God has mercy on them and I pray for their Salvation. I ask God to forgive their sins and my sins, for there are many. Father God I pray for all the men, women and children that are incarcerated at the moment, that You bless them with extra strength, love and peace. Father, forgive all their sins and restore them from their pain and suffering. Father God I put my life in Your hands and I have faith You'll take care of all my anxiety and depression, bless me physically and mentally. I lift my case up to You, that I get a second chance to fight it in court. Thank You Father God, I love You, in sweet Jesus' name I pray. **AMEN!! ... C.P.**

I ask that you guys pray for me and my family that God keeps His hands on them, and I'll keep praying for all of you, and that God brings blessings your way. God bless you all ... **B.P.**

### Praise Reports

After almost two years, I got a letter from my daughter, who's been MIA for awhile and all's well, she's getting it together, job, etc. She also told me that her brother (my son) just passed two years of sobriety, working two jobs, working out, new girl in his life and doing really well. God has answered my prayers ya'll for my son was in a rough spot following down the same path as his daddy. I cannot glorify God enough for giving that boy the will to turn it around. For this I am eternally grateful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ... Amen ... **Foot**

I want to thank you all for your servitude, diligence, and total dedication to sowing love on this Christian path and spreading the Good Word. I've had some twists, turns, and obstacles over this last year. By the Lord's grace, we were able to build up a strong and growing ministry, plus an awesome praise and worship band on this yard. The Lord has opened doors unknown to inmates on a closed custody yard. Many inmates come just to hear our jams, but leave with a new hope, new seeds planted in their hearts. Many giving their lives to the Lord. Amen to this ... **M.S.**

I know that God has a beautiful plan for me, I can almost feel it in all of the favor that He shows me in my life!!! Glory to God! My Abba Father!! I recently got a letter from my last bunkie. She was 24 years old. After she was released she OD'd while on a 10 day relapse. She told me that after that she thought about all of the talks I had with her, the prayers and the love of God in our little 12 foot x 10 foot cell. She remembered me staying up late, getting up early and constantly giving the Lord praise. She said this touched her heart out there on the streets. She checked herself into a rehab and quickly wrote me about how God sent an angel down from heaven and his voice rang through the words I had spoken to her and she seen how desperately she needed a Savior!!! Praise God!! I'm doing my calling, planting and watering seed. My destiny is to be sure to plant those seeds! When I give my testimony some of these ladies think that I'm bragging, but I'm so grateful He took my old life and restored it 10 times better than it was 16 years ago. It is the love of God that played the part in all of it. My spiritual life has me moving, I'm truly a living, believing, trusting follower of Jesus Christ! ... **L.R.**

Well, as you can tell by the return address, I've been moved to the best 2 yard in the system. Two man cells, air conditioning and some semblance of peace. The Lord has really blessed me. I am here, slated for the fire crew, but for the meantime, I'm in a holding pattern, no pay number, no scope of work, just getting my physical and other stuff out of the way. Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ ... **D.G.**

# Overcomers for Christ

## From the Inside

To Him be All the Glory!

By M.S.

They slammed into CDU, saying I had a confirmed hit on my life. I had written to you all and thank you for your kind words of encouragement.

What I've learned, many times we can rise from the filth that once engrained our pasts, yet the enemy will utilize certain moments to attempt to destroy us through a past weakness or consequence. The good news is, as we stand strong and fight the good fight of faith, He who is in us is stronger than he who is in the world. Jesus has won total victory for us and the Lord will use all these types of circumstances to test our faith and see what is in the depths of our hearts. Teaching us, refining us, and tempering us in His divine holiness. Always with the guarantee of doing us good in each season's end.

I read **Deuteronomy 8**, **Hebrews 12**, **James 1**, and **1 Peter 5** and many others daily to remind me of the "whys" and to embrace and relish each trial, knowing the good things the Almighty has in store for me and my life.

After six months in CDU, they approved me to come to PC, not only this, but due to several placement issues, they placed me here in max indefinitely. A culture shock on many levels. Even though, I'm getting the enemy's best, the Lord continues to empower me and strengthen me daily, allowing me to see and conquer the lion problems and serpent problems from my past and on my walk with new seasons and promotions always in sight.

We are privileged to serve in and see this amazing age, where God's Spirit and power are moving in such vastness and force. These are the precursors to the supernatural wonders to come. To Him be all the glory!

### Success

By M.D.

As I am finally approaching my release date after a very long and hard fought 12 years and preparing myself to enter discipleship training, I am compelled to write to you all once again to encourage you while reminding you that God's gracious gift of Salvation does not free us from the requirement for Faithful Obedience.

True Christian Faith results in loving behavior. That's why John says that the way we act can assure us that we belong to Christ (**1 John 2:3-6**). Now, you can never have a Christian mind without reading the Scriptures regularly because, you cannot be profoundly influenced by that which you do not know. Yet, Paul points out that knowledge itself is empty. To be worth anything it must lead to a changed life and right living. Knowledge should give us direction for living. Active obedience in our lives demonstrates that our faith is genuine. Right actions are natural by-products of True Faith.

I implore you all who are incarcerated to let the Word transform you, develop yourself, don't waste your time, learn to be presentable ... Now! Don't be idle, commit yourself to use your time to develop yourself by getting to know Jesus. Understand that your past will not determine God's future for you. God's definition of success is contrary to the world's definition.

Corporate America measures success based on what you have done, accomplished and accumulated. It's based entirely on "You", focusing all of you on meriting titles and collecting accomplishments. However, the truth is, it is the presence of the Lord in your life that makes you a success. Success is not what you have, but Who you have. When you have Jesus in your life, you are no longer trying to be a success, you are a success!

So, do not evaluate God's presence and unmerited favor (His Grace) based on your circumstances. Your lowest points are launching pads to God's greatest promotions. God's presence is with you to make you a success, not find fault with you. Honor God my friends by your actions, behavior and lifestyle. Stand on the Solid Rock, the foundation of Jesus Christ, and stand under His love and grace, ever remembering that believers in Christ have been showered with God's kindness, chosen for greatness, marked with the Holy Spirit, filled with the Holy Spirit's power, freed from sins, curse and bondage and brought near to God. May the Lord bless you and keep you!

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## From the Inside

### Be U and Be Used by God

By K.P.

Hello and God bless all my brothers and sisters at Living Word Bible Church! Your congregation made me feel very warm and welcome in 2013. My fear of rejection was quickly gone soon after my arrival at your services. You see, many moons ago (back in 2006) I made a poor choice and tattooed horns on my forehead.

Anyhow my testimony runs deep! I was the "T" in trouble, so I thank ya'll for your welcome mat. My last service that I got to enjoy was in February of 2013. I got clean that month and that year. But the devil still played his game and anger was soon going to default my freedom. I was arrested for aggravated assault on an officer on March 26th, 2013, but still I claim victory over satan because I'm not dead. He wanted me dead like he wants for most of us. Well, I believe that God and His Wonder Working Power intervened satan's ultimate plan of death for me that day. I am very much alive and effectively helping myself and many others lives while doing my time.


I ran Narcotics Anonymous for a year and helped over 40 brothers get or stay clean and earn their certificates. Yeah with 23 years of (Thank God) "past" addiction experience I feel I was called to do that N.A. group. I call this group the "Never Again Recovery Group". Well, it didn't stop there. I was hospitalized June 14, 2013 and have taken tons of self-help courses such as Anger Management, Cognitive Mnemonics Therapy, Think for a Change class, Better Parenting and a few others. This prison time has been a blessing instead of a burden. I come home in February of 2017. I'd love to get your newsletter sent to me again and I can hardly wait to pull up to the doors of Living Word Bible Church!! I've read and believe these to be true, "The devil cannot enter a home uninvited." Thank you for your time, God Bless

### It's a Small World

By C.P.

I am 27 years old. I am serving a 25-year sentence for second degree murder. I've been locked up since July 9, 2013. I've never been to jail or prison in my life until now. It's hard for me to adjust to my new prison world. I'm on a Maximum yard. We're locked down 23 hours a day with one hour for recreation. Sometimes we don't even get our recreation due to "ICS" which means the whole prison is locked down for some security reason. My mom's best friend was here in prison with me, she went home already, but she's the one that handed me the newsletters she got from you all.

I was happy to see it was from Living Word Bible Church. I went to that church since I was 16 years old, until I was 25 years old. I stopped going because I relocated to Phoenix and didn't have transportation to get there. I told many people about that church and how I got saved for the first time and that I got water baptized in the Child Kingdom area. My sister-in-law Nelly who has my daughter Yesenia attends church services with you all. I introduced her to the LWBC.

I would like to be added to your list for the newsletter monthly. I enjoyed reading all the stories, testimonies and prayer requests. I would love to learn more about the Word of God. I'm building my relationship closer with God. He saved me by me coming to prison. I would have been dead if I was on the outs. Thank you  for doing what you all do!

### Prayer Warriors

By B.E.

I love Jesus and pray, read my Bible and fellowship when asked. I have a prayer warrior squad of four people, we pray together in agreement every night at 8:45 p.m. There are three of my homeboys in here and a prayer warrior 'D' out there. My alarm goes off every night at that time and my boys are ready. We give it up to the Lord and rebuke satan and his evil works and lift up everyone and do our thing.

Real prayer warriors ... we love it and feed off it. Jesus is love and we get filled with the Holy Spirit. We're all hardcore believers in the power of prayer. It's awesome cause all of us are ex-gangsters and we meet up again, and I see the Holy Spirit in us.

## 2 Kings 13:1-16:20

Receiving the full benefits of God's plan for our lives requires us to receive and obey God's commands fully. If we don't follow God's complete instructions, we should not be surprised that His full benefits and blessings are not present. (13:15-19)

Material prosperity is not always an indication of God's blessings. It can also be a result of self-centeredness. If you are experiencing prosperity, remember that God holds us accountable for how we attain success and how we use our wealth. Everything we have really belongs to Him. We must use God's gifts with His interests in mind. (14:28)

To rise above the influence of poor models, we must seek better ones. Christ provides a perfect model, no matter how you were raised or who has influenced your life, you can move beyond those limitations by taking Christ as your example and consciously trying to live as He did. (15:4)

We must worship God for who He is, not what we would selfishly like Him to be. (16:10-16)

## Acts 18:23-19:41

Rejoice in the victories Christ brings, and don't let the hazards create a negative mindset. (18:27-28)

The power to change people comes from Christ. It cannot be tapped by reciting His name like a magic charm. God works His power only through those He chooses. (19:13-16)

## Psalms 146:1-147:20

God's plans frustrate the "plans of the wicked" because His values are the opposite of societies. Jesus turned societies values upside down when He proclaimed that *"Many who seem to be important now will be least important then, and those who are considered least here will be great then."* (Matthew 19:30) *"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for Me, you will find true life."* (Matthew 16:25) Don't be surprised when others don't understand your Christian values, but don't give into theirs. (146:9)

Sometimes we feel as if we don't understand ourselves, what we want, how we feel, what's wrong with us, or what we should do about it. But God's understanding has no limit, and therefore He understands us fully. If you feel troubled and don't understand yourself, remember that God understands you perfectly. Take your mind off yourself and focus on God. Seek to become more and more like Him. The more you learn about God and His ways, the better you will understand yourself. (147:5)

## Proverbs 18:2-5

A compulsive talker never listens, only pausing to plan what he will say next. Every speech confirms what a fool he is. (18:2)

Show partiality ... distortion of justice is all too common. This is one of many Proverbs that condemn it. (18:5)

## “Foot” Notes

Hello, fellow Overcomers, I was sitting here thinking this a.m. (something I've become proficient at and have plenty of time to do) about the prodigal son and his coming home. I'm fairly sure that each of us in our own way has run the gamut of the path of the prodigal son, whether it be addiction, crime, or just regular ol' ignoring the love of God.

Thankfully, through Salvation we can go home. As we accept Salvation we allow the Holy Spirit to dwell inside of us. So, that tells me that since the Holy Spirit is within me, that "home" is wherever I happen to be and that "being home" allows for complete peace, joy, and contentment no matter what or where we happen to find ourselves. I can honestly tell you all that I have that peace and contentment on a daily basis regardless of the fact I'm stuck on this side of the fence. Allow God in and allow your own healing to begin.

Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya con Dios!!!



## What Others Are Saying...

"I'm happy that you had a great time in London. I had a great time as well, thanks. It's also great to see you both enjoying life, you both deserve it and looking good doing it. I love all the pictures and all the teachings and stories. I love you all lots. Wade, Michelle, John and the church thank you for all that you do ... lots of love." - **B.A.**

"I thank you for putting me on your mail and prayer list. Your response to my letter found me in the LORD'S blessing. I'm sure you're in His loving grace as well. Please let Michelle and Wade know that I send my hello's and thanks for the card. It made my day, and my prayers are with them and those who are reading this letter now" - **A.C.**

"Before I start my letter to you, I just want to say thank you for sending me the letters of the *Overcomers for Christ*. It gives me a lot of hope when I read the testimonies of the brothers and sisters who share their blessings. God bless you guys for taking time to write me these Scriptures and testimonies from all these wonderful people." - **J.S.**

"Hello, I am currently serving 18 years for 2nd degree murder. So far on my journey I have met several people who receive your newsletter. They were kind enough to let me read them. I enjoyed doing so. I enjoyed hearing what others had to say. Not only has it been an eye opening, but they've been inspiring as well, and they ring so true. I think it's safe to say that if I would have had a lot of this before, I probably wouldn't be here today. It's so easy to take life for granted, and then you realize it after it's too late. My birthday is October 27th, I'll be 43, and I never thought I'd be spending it in lock up. I'm trying to turn my life around for the better, it's hard, but I do my best every day to do it. Every day brings new challenges, but with faith I'll make it. Without Faith, I have nothing. I believe having faith is believing in the Lord, without Him I am nothing. I was wondering if you'd be kind enough and please place me on your mailing list. I'd appreciate it. God Bless, and may you be blessed for all your good works you do in our Father's name." - **D.S.**

"I pray this letter finds everyone in the very best of health and happily in love with Jesus. Thank you for your card, I've taped it up on the wall of my cell so that I will never forget, God loves me. Praise God, thank You Jesus. That is a cool World Forever stamp too. I peeled it off and stuck it on the card. I've not seen a stamp like it, I don't get any mail. All my immediate family has departed this world and what friends I once had have long since forgotten me. I really do feel free and peaceful. I got a lot of love for Jesus, Amen!" - **J.C.**

"I found your paper in the chapel and I love it, is there any way I can get it sent to me? It also has beautiful artwork. Thank you for your work, you reach a lot of people like me, and you may even save some lives. God bless you all, and keep up God's work." - **J.P.**

"I received the May issue and I love the cover. By the way, the card you sent me, it hit the spot. I am moving forward and I am stronger than I realize, Glory to God!" - **L.R.**

"My birthday was in August and you guys sent me a birthday letter. I got emotional and I almost began to cry from joy. I'm only writing you this letter to give you thanks." - **M.A.**

"Thank you so much for the newsletter I received from you all at the *OC4C*! It means a lot to me because I can relate to some of the stories and testimonies in it. Also I learn about the Scriptures and get to hear the Word. Praise God!" - **C.P.**

"It really felt good to see the commentary from the guy in California on "God's Perspective on Suffering". That was really cool to see that someone out there benefited through something I wrote, ya know? I guess that's what it's all about, Praise God." - **D.G.**

"I'm 30 years old and currently in prison for my second and third D.U.I.'s, serving 4.5 years. I found Jesus through a book I was given called "The Key to Your Expected End". This book showed me that finding the Lord in prison is the whole point. I am a new believer, who is fighting the odds of this place to become more Christ-like and live by the Lord's Law. I have a Bible and am currently doing a very intense Bible study from Exodus Prison Ministry. I find it very hard to avoid back sliding. My entire life has been lived with a lot of sin and I have lost just about everything. I believe I've gone through all that to find the Lord. I was handed a colorful piece of paper that said "Overcomers for Christ" and when looking over this issue (November 2014) I noticed a man that fits the life style I was living and looked a lot like some of the men I was looking up to and trying to become a part of. I felt and feel like I connected with him, and maybe lived a similar life style as mine. But the look of him told me this man lives a happy life, safe and no worries of other men or the law. Well, he looks HAPPY, something I thought I was until I found the Lord and looked at my life through clear eyes. I'm not sure why I'm writing to this address, but that is up to God. I have the feeling that I'm supposed to. That He has a plan for this letter. But whoever he is, I want to thank him for helping me. To know that even a man with the past I have, that there is still hope, that God does not judge us on our looks or past, and I thank God for putting this in my hands. This man and your pamphlet give me hope." - **M.E.**

# Overcomer's Testimonies

Overcomers for Christ, in these last days satan is working extra hard to keep the chosen soldiers of God distracted, lately he's been trying real hard to keep me away from our Father's Word but thanks be to Him who lives in us to lead us and guide us in the right direction every time. Ever since I was a little kid I knew of Christ but as I grew up I was always looking for trouble. By the time I was 19, I was about to work for very evil people but I was arrested before that happened. A couple of months after being in county, I was born again, but before I tell you this part, I would like to tell you how I got arrested. My uncle and I had a beef that got real out of hand and I ended up shooting him twice in the head, ending his life.

God's power to change lives is incredible my brothers and sisters! I'm forgiven and there is no way I would ever take another life, now I preach life in Christ Jesus, His love is able to break through any heart no matter how hard it is. So, I was in county, plotting on how to get money. Then our brother Jorge, (I'll never forget his name) started inviting me to Bible studies and I'd be like, "I'm good," but he kept asking me so I'm wondering if this homie is deaf or something, but one day I ended up in Bible study, next thing you know I'm asking our Father for His Spirit to show me how to be His soldier, and here I am today still living in our Father's will, even though satan has thrown many darts to stop me. Here where I am right now I had somebody tell me I don't count as a convict and I was like, "Praise God."

For any of you brothers and sisters who have been locked up here ... you know evil abides here. I love how satan gets all discombobulated when a soldier of Christ shows up here proclaiming the truth! No way I'm gonna stop walking in God's will, what can man do to me? It's real funny how the devil is trying to put fear in my heart by putting certain individuals around me that enjoy themselves in evil deeds. God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. It is impossible to shake a true soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ, He has revealed to me that I came here to touch up the work He has been doing in my heart.

God had blessed me so much on the level 3 yards but honestly I began to get distracted a little and take things for granted, so now I'm learning to never do that ever again. The Word of God says if we are corrected or chastised that means He loves us. That is why I thank Him so much. Every time I think of all His works, the joy in my heart is too much for me to handle. We could have been chosen for eternal condemnation my friends, but He chose to predestine us to be part of His family. Why? I have no idea but He knows perfectly well what He is doing, so let us keep chopping off demon heads with the Sword our great Daddy has given us, His Word. Your brother in Christ. - O.V.

## Quote Worthy

**"God knows that the strength that comes from wrestling with our fear will give us wings to fly."  
- Paula Rinehart - A seasoned writer, speaker, and counselor who focuses on helping women live into all God has in mind for them.**

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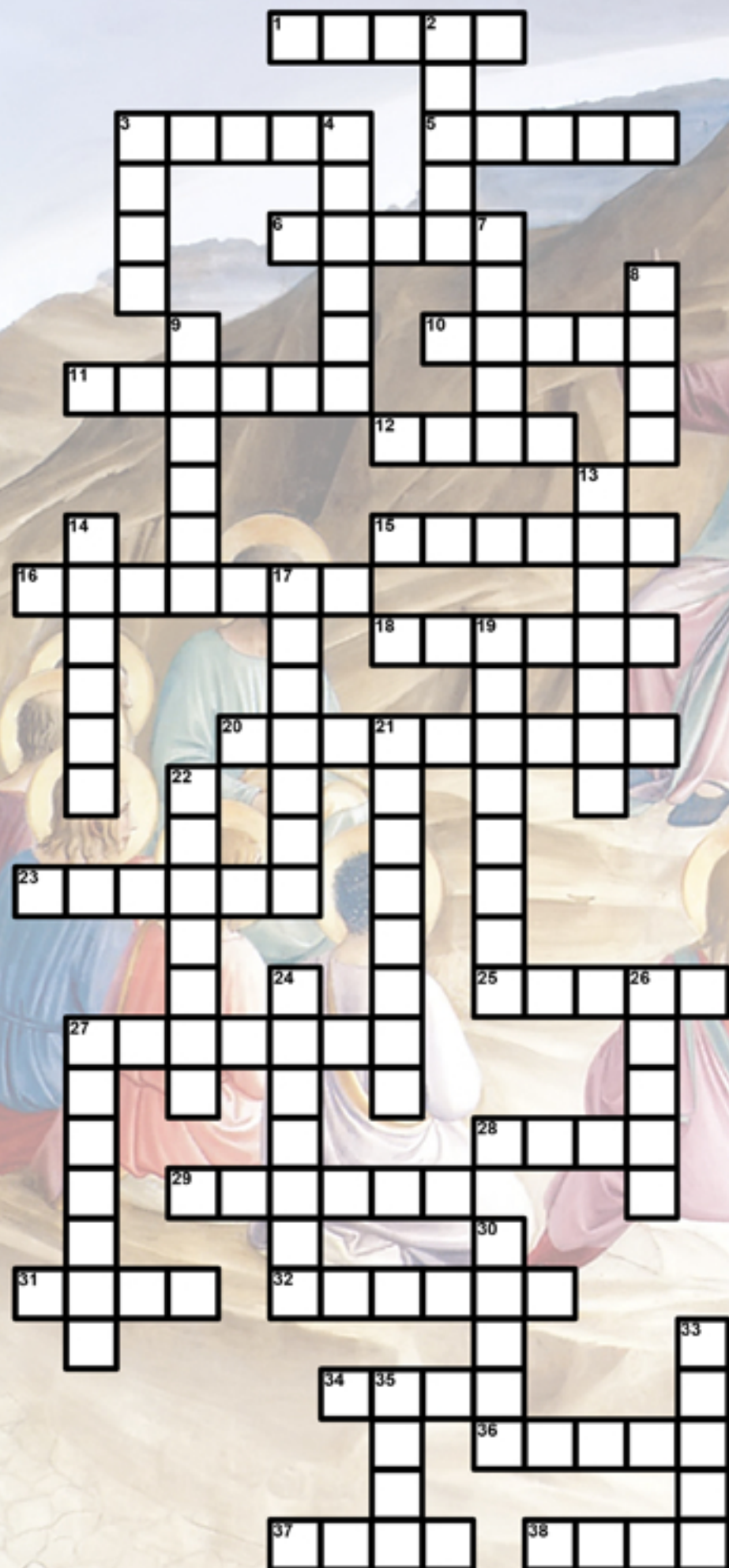
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## Sermon on The Mount

### ACROSS

1. \_\_\_\_, and it shall be opened unto you.
2. A good tree cannot \_\_\_\_ forth evil fruit.
5. I will liken him unto a wise man, which \_\_\_\_ his house upon a rock.
6. Lay not up treasures here.
10. Beware of \_\_\_\_ prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing.
11. Neither cast ye your \_\_\_\_ before swine.
12. Because strait is the \_\_\_\_, and narrow is the way.
15. Ye shall know them by their \_\_\_\_.
16. And every one that \_\_\_\_ these sayings of mine, and doeth.
18. Consider the \_\_\_\_ of the field, how they grow.
20. For he taught them as one having \_\_\_\_, and not as the scribes.
23. Jesus told them to "enter into thy \_\_\_\_" to pray and shut the door!
25. Give us this day, our \_\_\_\_ bread.
27. As we \_\_\_\_ our debtors.
28. Or if he ask a \_\_\_\_, will he give him a serpent?
29. Judge not that ye be not \_\_\_\_.
31. And the winds blew, and \_\_\_\_ upon that house.
32. Ye cannot serve God and \_\_\_\_.
34. Sufficient unto the day is the \_\_\_\_ thereof.
36. Whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a \_\_\_\_?
37. Seek, and ye shall \_\_\_\_.
38. Is not the life more than \_\_\_\_, and the body than raiment?

### DOWN

2. Which of you by taking thought can add one \_\_\_\_ unto his stature?
3. First cast out the \_\_\_\_ of thine own eye.
4. Do men gather \_\_\_\_ of thorns.
7. For where your treasure is, there will your \_\_\_\_ be also.
8. And \_\_\_\_ us not into temptation.
9. He seeth in secret.
13. Hypocrites love to pray out there in them.
14. Thy Father which seeth in \_\_\_\_ himself shall reward thee openly.
17. Therefore I say unto you, take no \_\_\_\_ for your life.
19. Not everyone that saith unto me, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, shall enter into.
21. Our Father, which art in heaven, \_\_\_\_ be thy name.
22. No man can serve two \_\_\_\_.
24. Enter into the \_\_\_\_ of heaven.
26. The \_\_\_\_ of the body is the eye.
27. And it fell not, for it was \_\_\_\_ upon a rock.
30. Behold the \_\_\_\_ of the air, for they sow not.
33. And it fell, and \_\_\_\_ was the fall of it.
35. But when ye pray, use not \_\_\_\_ repetitions.

## I Don't Want to Pray

By J.W.

I have disobeyed You, again  
I feel like I've betrayed You in my sin, again  
Just when I think I'm strong  
The tempter comes along  
And there I go  
I can't say no  
I'm doing what I don't want to do

One more time in disgrace  
Lord, I can't look upon your face  
I need strength, for I am weak  
It's Your pleasure that I seek  
And when I feel this way  
I don't want to pray

Should I ask for forgiveness, again?  
When the same old sin controls me  
Seems like I'll never win  
I know You love me still  
But I've gone against Your will  
And now my heart is torn apart  
Knowing that You are grieved

One more time in disgrace  
I can't look upon Your face  
I need strength, for I am weak  
It's Your pleasure that I seek  
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