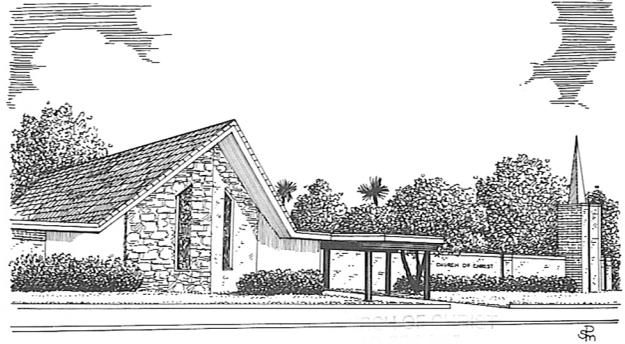


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## Will Your Faith Overcome the World?

There are events or moments in our lives that give us pause to think, "Am I going to get through this?" They seem to be bigger than anything we have dealt with. So, uncertainty creeps in. It is a natural response to the unknown. During those times, our faith plays a role in our determination and resolve. There are thoughts in songs that highlight this idea: Faith Is the Victory, We Have an Anchor, Be Not Dismayed, Victory in Jesus, Safe in the Arms of Jesus, and Where Could I Go? Singing these reminds us of the Biblical truths concerning our faith. We will overcome.

There are many passages that help us with our faith. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith" (**1 John 5:4**). "We who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil" (**Heb. 6:18-19**). As individuals, as families, and as a congregation, there is a great need to overcome the destructive forces of this world. Even our doubts and fears.

There should be reminders in our lives of what God has already done in our lives. "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the LORD has helped us'" (**1 Sam. 7:12**). This stone was a reminder of what God had done for them concerning the Philistines. The Passover was a reminder of God's deliverance out of Egypt. The Lord's Supper is a reminder of Christ's sacrifice for our sins. Reminders are important. Have you set any up for yourself or your family? Do you talk about what God has done for you or your family with your loved ones or children?

We need to be realistic with our expectations of this life. We quote **Revelation 2:10** but just the list part about being "faithful unto death." Rarely do we mention the first part about the fact that we will suffer in this life. But God has promised, "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son" (**Rev. 21:7**).

In all these things, we need to "look to Jesus" (**Heb. 12:1-2**). "For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers" (**1 Tim. 4:10**). We must say, "I will put my trust in Him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me" (**Heb. 2:13**). We must have the resolve to "fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life" (**1 Tim. 6:12**). Always remembering, "thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (**1 Cor. 15:57**).

Josh Blackmer (pblcoc)

**We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,**  
**To give glory to God**  
**To be unified in reaching others**  
**To be living witnesses for Christ**

*Welcome to the  
Palm Springs Church of Christ*



With warm hearts and hands, we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May this be a time of encouragement and inspiration for us all!

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18).”*

**Pray for our Church family:**

Please continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Byron Isaac, Brenda Jones, Roy McDonald, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

**Prayers for our Family & Friends:**

Please continue prayers for for Nilene’s brother, Wayne Duncan who had surgery this past week, for David’s brother Steve who is recovering from knee surgery; for Amy Miller’s father as he continues to recover at home from a stroke, for Tammy D’Arcy as she continues treatment for breast cancer. Pray for the improved health of: Keith and Lisa Britton, Kerry Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Mary Fields, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First Responders** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K (EMT), Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (Patrol Officers).

**Military:**

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusinbury, Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Lord, it is easy to say that we trust You when we are comfortable. When our courage fails, fill us with Your strength. When our faith fails, remind us of Your faithfulness. Help us to walk in Your ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Power For Today: Drew Baker; 12/11/2021

Read: John 13:12-27

**News & Notes:**

Please continue to keep Mae in your prayers as she continues to struggle with shingles.

**Next Sunday** October 6th, we will be having a potluck. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert.

**The Community Food Bank:** Peanut Butter and Ramen packs are where the greatest need is at this time. Other non-perishable items are: soups, canned vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans, canned tomatoes, canned pasta sauce and quart size storage bags. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

***In Search of the Lord’s Way***

Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.

**“I can’t thank God enough for your faith!”**

The apostle Paul was forced to leave the infant church of Thessalonica before he was confident about the state of their faith. When he “could no longer endure it,” he sent Timothy “to know [their] faith” (**1 Thess. 3:1, 5**). When Timothy returned with “good news of [their] faith and love” (3:6), Paul was “comforted” (3:7) and said that he could now “live” (3:8). His heart was overwhelmed with such relief, peace and joy that he seemed to have a hard time expressing it.

“For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God...?” (3:9). In other words, “How can we possibly express sufficient thanksgiving in return to God for the joy we have at your faith?”

Have you ever experienced that kind of joy at the faith of another? John wrote, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (**3 John 4**). There is no joy that compares! Let us encourage each other in the faith that we may all rejoice together!

Thought for the Day: David Sproule (pblcoc)

Today’s sermon title:

“Faith Is The Victory That Overcomes The World”

Scripture reading:

Hebrews 11:1-6

**Birthdays:**

Sue Collins:	9/1
Giovanni Gutierrez:	9/11
Raul Ochoa:	9/11
Dail Paramore:	9/13
Edwina Scott:	9/27

**Bible Study:** Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

**Worship Service:** Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

**Worship Order**

**Welcome/Opening Prayer**

141: Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You (1-3)

896: Ivory Palaces (1-3)

**Communion & Offering: 1 Cor. 11:23-26**

412: Jesus, Hold My Hand (1,2)

**Brief Intermission**

469: Faith Is the Victory (1-3)

**Sermon**

679: ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (1,2)

**Announcements & Closing Prayer**

**Sermons on line:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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