

# Overcomers for Christ

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# **“We HAVE Overcome the liar by The Blood of the Lamb, and the word of this Testimony” –**

## **Part 3**

**By Wade Anderson**

Let's pray; *“Lord Jesus, regardless of my actions, I thank You for Your faithfulness in all things. I thank You for Your Blood, that You shed for ALL of us. I thank You, Sir, for Your promised Holy Spirit that guides, directs, teaches, and reminds me of things You have spoken to/for me. Holy Spirit, I trust that You have touched the hearts prepared to receive Your Word. Help each of us to NOT become bewildered by the world around us, but instead, to draw closer to You through Your Word. In Jesus name I pray and believe, AMEN.”*

As we begin here, let me preface again, “I am NOT against the vaccine! However, what I am against is a MANDATED vaccine.” I personally believe that, like a flu shot, each individual has the right to accept or refuse it. AND, I'm NOT saying that I will NEVER take this shot. While testing shows that my antibodies are as strong and as increasing as someone that has had the shot, why would I need to partake of it? I personally have known many people who 'have been' vaccinated and still contracted COVID. In fact, the science even shows, even if you are vaccinated you can still be a carrier. If 'you' feel the need to take this vaccine, then by all means TAKE IT! If we believe that God is not mad at us since Jesus went to the Cross ... then we should also believe that God will NOT change His position and be mad at us for taking this vaccine!

I've already shared how Michelle and I always stand in faith on God's promises, and we still contracted the Virus. 'I, **without either of us knowing it**, put myself in the close quarters of a truck and a hotel room for ten days with someone who had contracted the virus. I was not testing my faith nor was God testing my faith. Regardless, we STILL stand on and believe, our God is a good God! He did NOT manufacture this virus AND neither is He inflicting it on people to test their faith! ALL of this is the work of the enemy! By this I mean, our enemy has no way of inflicting his will and plans in this world without the help of 'people'. When the devil has the use of a person's mind and will, it's only then that he can inflict his will upon the earth, through these willing vessels. With this said, I am NOT alluding to 'someone who was found to be a carrier as being used by the devil.' Keep all of this in context and DON'T allow the enemy to twist these words in your head.

Look here what **1 Peter 5:8** (AMPC) states, ***“Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.”*** I believe this Scripture to confirm the statement I just made above. But I also believe the antidote to **Verse 8** is **Verse 7**, ***“Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.”***

Before I move on, Jesus assures us in **John 10:10**, ***“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”*** The thief, the liar, the devil, is ALWAYS attempting to destroy the family unit. Why? Because he knows that 'family' is God's plan and family has strength in unity. And just because a family has different views on certain topics shouldn't mean that we allow the enemy to divide and separate the family unit. If you will notice, Jesus promises us that the thief WILL come to steal, kill, and destroy. But don't stop there. He goes on to assure us that when we believe and trust in Him, He offers us lives not without attacks, but lives 'in Him' to the fullest! Let me assure you, EVEN in our differences, and it's trying sometimes, but our immediate family believes, trusts, and stands on the firm foundation of the promises of God! Someone say, “AMEN!!”

Let's see if I can bring this back around to finish these messages, hopefully with a better understanding of 'our' purpose in all that is going on in this world of fear we are in today.

We will start here with Paul in **2 Timothy 2:1-5** (NLT), as he gives us ALL great instruction and especially in these days of such confusion. ***“Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules.”*** Paul didn't tell Timothy just to be strong. No! He told him to ***“be strong through the grace that God gives you IN CHRIST JESUS.”*** Neither can any of us “fight the good fight of faith” in our own strength!

In **1 Timothy 6:12** (NLT), Paul encourages his spiritual son Timothy, and us as well, ***“Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.”*** Fighting the good fight of faith means that we abide in the Word by faith, regardless of what we feel or what we think we understand. To fight the good fight of faith also means that we stand firmly anchored in the Word, in the power of the Spirit, reckoning ourselves dead to our feelings and our human reasoning, not letting sin rule in our mortal body by obeying its lusts. Jesus said, ***“If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth,***

*and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31 NIV).* Jesus is communicating to us that it is His Word that is truth, NOT the understanding and word of the world we now live in.

Here, in **Romans 12:13–21** (Passion Translation), we see some very important instruction of how to live free in this world today while glorifying God. **“Take a constant interest in the needs of God’s beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home. Speak blessing, not cursing, over those who reject and persecute you. Celebrate with those who celebrate, and weep with those who grieve. Live happily together in a spirit of harmony and be as mindful of another’s worth as you are your own. Don’t live with a lofty mind-set, thinking you are too important to serve others, but be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded. Don’t be smug or even think for a moment that you know it all. Never hold a grudge or try to get even but plan your life around the noblest way to benefit others. Do your best to live as everybody’s friend. Beloved, don’t be obsessed with taking revenge, but leave that to God’s righteous justice. For the Scriptures say, ‘Vengeance is mine, and I will repay,’ says the Lord. And: If your enemy is hungry, buy him lunch! Win him over with kindness. For your surprising generosity will awaken his conscience, and God will reward you with favor. Never let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.”** We all have passions and desires that push us to believe the opposite. Our human reasoning tries to persuade us that, “This is impossible; if I follow this, they will believe they can do what they want with me; they will try to walk all over me!” But remember, God’s Word is truth and many times our perception is misguided.

Paul goes on to tell us, in **1 Corinthians 9:23-25**, why we run and fight this good fight of faith, **“I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, BUT we do it for an eternal prize.”** I’m sure you all remember where I wrote that watching the news or even just reading the ‘over the freeway signs’, to put it mildly, were truly ruffling my feathers. Well, as I began to overcome the enemy’s attack in my understanding of the Word again, the Holy Spirit directed me to these verses in **2 Timothy 2:1-5**. More specifically, in **2 Timothy 2:3-4**, He told me, **“Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don’t get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.”** I knew right then that most of the confusion I had been experiencing was because I was more focused with what was going on in the world than what I knew God had instructed me personally to do. Almost immediately I repented for allowing myself to get caught up in ALL that the world was saying and doing. The foundational message that God gave me, over 14 years ago, was to **“Share hope, love and encouragement with those who have lost sight of these three things.”** Right then I saw that I had had one foot in the stirrup and one foot on the ground instead of fully seated ‘in’ the saddle of His direction.

In all of the previous years to this last experience I have done my best, with the Holy Spirit’s help, to share with all of you the hope, love and encouragement that comes from having God and His Word, Jesus, in our lives. In what felt like my weakest point since ‘our’ beginning the enemy attempted to take advantage of that weakness as an opportunity to wail on me. But let me assure you all, no matter how weak we may feel, when we continue to renew our minds with the Word of God and allow His Word to be written on our hearts, we will ALWAYS prevail!

Let’s all agree, right now, to close off our minds to the world’s secular noises and its understanding while we meditate on these next Scriptures. **“For through the eternal and living Word of God you have been born again. And this “seed” that He planted within you can never be destroyed but will live and grow inside of you forever. For: Human beings are frail and temporary, like grass, and the glory of man fleeting like blossoms of the field. The grass dries and withers and the flowers fall off, but the Word of the Lord endures forever!” (1 Peter 1:23-25 TPT)**

Jesus Himself assures us, **“I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” (Matthew 24:34-35)** My original intent in using these two verses was to show that, heaven and earth will pass away, but His words will NEVER pass away. Then as I was rereading **verse 34**, I was redirected by the Holy Spirit to go back and reference, **“I tell you the truth, this generation will NOT pass from the scene until all these things take place.”** In order to find out what things Jesus was speaking about I had to go back and reread the previous Scriptures. I also encourage all of you to go back and read **Matthew 24:1-33**. Even though some of what is going on in the world today may have a resemblance to what Jesus is saying here, not all of it is visible. And Jesus clearly said, **“until ALL these things take place.”** However, I believe the things going on in the world around us DO indicate we ARE in those days. Rereading these Scriptures we should be gaining an even stronger urgency to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who don’t yet know Him!

The prophet Isaiah heard this from the LORD, **“‘Shout!’ I asked, ‘What should I shout?’ ‘Shout that people are like the grass. Their beauty fades as quickly as the flowers in a field. The grass withers and the flowers fade beneath**

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# Overcomer's Testimonies

Thank you all for the birthday card. It was my first birthday sober so I'm really proud of myself. Through faith in Christ our Lord I was able to break the bad habit of using anything I could get my hands on. The old me would have been partying, getting high and in debt! I can only smile and thank God for giving me the strength and will power to overcome all of that.

I got a visit from my mom last Saturday. It was good for me as it lifted my spirits just knowing that I don't only have her and my niece out there as my family, but I also have my Overcomers for Christ family! God is never going to leave me or forsake me. I've been getting the Overcomers for Christ newsletters for over a decade already.

Whenever I would get lost your newsletter helped me get right back on the right track! I used to be at war with myself, with nothing but chaos in my mind. Whenever the devil whispers in my ears for me to kill myself, I invoke the power of Christ who already died for my sins on the cross, went to hell and was resurrected on the third day! Our God is alive, and our Redeemer lives! Whenever I am tempted to get high, I pray to Him for the strength to overcome that temptation.

I've even stopped taking some of my medications, and instead letting the Holy Spirit guide me. I'm letting our Lord renew my mind while He continues to heal me. I know He wants me to be of strong mind, spirit, and body. Slowly but surely, I'm getting stronger with each passing day. I will continue to study the Word. Being able to worship Christ freely is AMAZING! Praise Jesus! – I.V.

## Logic Puzzle

### Backstory and Goal

The Winter Olympics have just wrapped up in Norway. Using only the clues that follow, determine the number of gold, silver and bronze medals won by each country.

Remember, as with all grid-based logic puzzles, no option in any category will ever be used more than once.

### Clues

1. Of the team that won 4 gold medals and the team that won 1 gold medal, one is the team from Malawi and the other ended with 5 silver medals.
2. The squad from Oman finished with 2 gold medals.
3. The team that won 10 silver medals was either the squad from Dominica or the squad from Zimbabwe.
4. The squad that won 2 gold medals was either the squad from Zimbabwe or the team that won 6 silver medals.
5. The team from Dominica finished with 1 gold medal.

|               |    | Countries |        |      |          | Silver Medals |   |   |    |
|---------------|----|-----------|--------|------|----------|---------------|---|---|----|
|               |    | Dominica  | Malawi | Oman | Zimbabwe | 2             | 5 | 6 | 10 |
| Gold Medals   | 1  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 2  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 3  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 4  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
| Silver Medals | 2  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 5  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 6  |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |
|               | 10 |           |        |      |          |               |   |   |    |

# Overcomers for Christ

## From the Inside

### **The Bible**

By M.D.

This book is the mind of God. It reveals the state of man, the way of Salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable, not susceptible to change.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end.

Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet.

It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever.

It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the highest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

### **Truth!**

By D.H.

Victory of bondage we have from Jesus.

Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, those of us who lost our way and walked away from Jesus and back to the world and our addictions, for whatever reason and landed back in prison. This is God's mercy He has not given up on us! I testify I did great and my preconceived fantasy of what was going to happen did not work out.

I walked away, little by little I got further away and closer and more in the world of drugs, sadness, and despair. I was told to get to NA or AA and say I'm an addict, that does not work. I was mad at God for my own stupid reasons. I ended up back in jail on my way back to prison and I came back to God on bended knee, begging for release from jail and not to go to prison again.

Well, in God's great wisdom, He said no you're going to prison, I realized that He had more teaching and training and snipping and pruning to do. So, when I got to prison, I got a little money and being in with the drugs, the old people, or the thought of being accepted or even the way to escape, I used everything that was here that I could afford. Then I said what am I doing? This is how I got in here in the first place, then I dried out and after I was clean the urge to use was gone.

A little while went by, I thought of the good feelings and after saying I quit, I found myself saying yes when someone offered me something, and I did it. Then I realized I'm not addicted, I am a child of the Most High God, I have victory because of the finished work of Jesus' shed blood. We have victory, we have to claim it. We need to dry out, pray up and realize we entertain thoughts, then we choose to use. After the first use, we think more about it, then use again. Then it gets worse and worse, then we get stuck. But it all starts by a thought and a choice. So, live on purpose, not everything we do we have a choice, and we have a way out and we have victory in our failure though we may fall.

God loves us and will show you and teach you and give you strength to say no. It is not an accident that you are where you are, living by who you are living by. The dealer next to you, the loud guy, the stinky guy, that is just where God put you for a reason. Ask Him to open your eyes and heart to train you and to strengthen you. It's okay to screw up, fall down and recognize it. Pick yourself up and keep going, learn from it. Ask God to do for you what you can't. Use it to get sober. If He did it for me, a 50 year old, 7 time loser, He'll do it for you also.

God bless you all at DS+S!!

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## From the Inside

### Glory and Honor

By J.L.

I wanted to reach out with something that really matters to me and is one of those things definitely worth sharing because, first, it gives our Father glory to know His children love Him, are receiving and understanding more the ways He wants for us – called, His will.

In the October issue of the *Overcomers for Christ* you placed some words I had written to 'Duck', about tithe/giving and I must say, I felt touched by that but more so than that, my Heavenly Father did AND my earthly father will also because I'm going to send my copy to him.

In **Matthew 7:17-18**, *"A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit"* we learn about, from Jesus, how a tree is identified by its fruit. Pretty plainly Jesus says that whatever is in our hearts, is what we express and speak. The seeds planted in a Christian's life are generally by a praying grandparent, a dedicated mom or dad, a friend, etc. ... and Jesus is the water that brings life to the branches and nurtures us to bring forth fruit.

Continuing on in **Matthew 7:18-19**, Jesus explains, *"So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions."* The closer we are to Jesus Christ the sweeter and healthier our fruit becomes. When we stay clear of Jesus and don't develop a desire to honor and please the Father with our purpose, to give Him true worship it's then that no fruit is produced whatsoever. Worship comes not only in the form of singing, Scripture reading, prayer, and fellowship but also in our everyday lives. We are to do everything as unto the Lord, work, school or whatever we do.

Jesus further explains, in **John 15:1-5**, *"I am the true grapevine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of Mine that doesn't produce fruit, and He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."* Then notice the promise Jesus gave us, in **John 15:7**, *"But if you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!"* Quite simply, when no fruit is being produced in our lives 'we' have separated ourselves from the Vine and are just walking around taking up space. At that point we are empty, and our life is considered a spiritually dead life, sort of like Adam and Eve.

So, my dad adopted me at 1 month old and shortly after he gave his life to Jesus and became saved. He says, "It's God's providence and it was then that the seed took to the water." Like the Israelites, it took way longer for me and actually the same time it took them, 40 years. I thank God He is patient. On my own I too had to seek God and it's been a long, long process, one that's landed me in prison several times. Regardless, I've carried with me what things I was taught as a child, Bible Scriptures, lessons taught to me by a Sunday school teacher or by my dad. Stuff like, happiness is based on happenings, but true peace is better to attain because no matter what things look like, no matter the losses or hard spots – peace surpasses it all and remains within, untouched. I was also taught that my availability is worth far more than my ability.

My dad also taught us how to tithe, the importance and the value in the obedient act of tithing. Now that I am 49 years old, it's a blessing to see the fruits of the seeds planted by people who loved me enough to do so come to fruition. This is why I'm sending my October issue of the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter to my dad. It's a privilege and an honor to do so because my dad never gave up on me. His legacy has carried over and now it's my honor to do so to others. I've heard it said, and now understand, "God has no grandchildren." Which means none of us go to heaven because our parents or grandparents were Christians. Each of us has to develop and nurture our own relationship with God through giving our lives to Jesus. Now my dad can know, "He did good" like he tells others when they do something of value.

It's our Father in heaven who I give glory to because He is so loving to His children, and as I've already said "patient".

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# Foot's Bible Study

## **Jeremiah 49:23-50:46**

Pride was Babylon's characteristic sin. Pride comes from feeling self-sufficient or believing that we don't need God. Proud nations or persons, however, will eventually fail because they refuse to recognize God as the ultimate power. Getting rid of pride is not easy, but if we can admit that it often rules us and ask God to forgive us, He will help us overcome it. The best antidote to pride is to focus our attention on the greatness and goodness of God. (50:32)

## **Titus 1:1-16**

Many people claim to know God. How can we know if they really do? We will not know for certain in this life, but a glance at their lifestyle will quickly tell us what they value and whether they have ordered their lives around kingdom priorities. Our conduct speaks volumes about what we believe. See **1 John 2:4-6**. What do people know about God and about faith by watching your life? (1:16)

## **Psalms 97:1-98:9**

God is both perfectly loving and perfectly just. He is merciful when he punishes. And He overlooks no sin when He loves. Praise Him for His promise to save you and return again. (98:1)

## **Proverbs 26:13-16**

If a person is not willing to work, he or she can find endless excuses to avoid it. But laziness is more dangerous than a prowling lion. The less you do, the less you want to do, and the more useless you become. To overcome laziness, take a few small steps toward change. Set a concrete, realistic goal. Figure out the steps needed to reach it and follow those steps. Pray for strength and persistence to keep your excuses from making you useless, stop making useless excuses. (26:13-16)

## **“Foot” Notes**

Hey y'all, I know that we all go through times where we feel we're stuck or spinning our wheels. Friends, it's time like these that we need to power on in our faith and know that God has something just around the corner that will add fuel to your spark that will reignite your blaze of faith and propel you forward. We will always go through seasons, some high and some low, but continue to give glory to God and He will see you through your seasons regardless of the altitude, high or low.

Love to y'all short and tall ... Vaya con Dios!!



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**By Wade Anderson**

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***the breath of the Lord. And so it is with people. The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of our God stands forever."* (Isaiah 40:6-8)**

The writer of **Hebrews 4:12** also encourages us, ***"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."***

Today, at the end of all of this, I realize and better understand that it doesn't matter what is going on in the world around me, the importance and my sole mission/vision is to lead people to the goodness of God! This in no way means that I am to be blind or uninformed with what is going on around me, but in all of it, ***"as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (I shouldn't) get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then (if I do, I) cannot please the officer who enlisted (me)."*** (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

Somewhere back in the pages of this message I mentioned that NONE of us were born a mistake, regardless of the circumstances or even what our parents might have thought or said. Find some encouragement in the fact that God knew you even before you were in your mother's womb. You were born with a plan and a purpose already inside of you, God's plan and purpose! Seeing that we all ARE here in these days, we should find comfort that He has also equipped us to walk in and through these trying times, in His victory! God never said any of our following Him would be easy, but with the help of His Spirit He does promise us it is possible! Listen to just a few of His promises for our adventure/journey with Him.

***"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."* (Romans 8:28)** Read with me now, this same verse from the Passion Translation, ***"So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good, for we are His lovers who have been called to fulfill His designed purpose."***

***"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."*** (1 John 4:4)

***"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."*** (Philippians 4:12-13)

***"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."*** (Philippians 4:19 ESV)

I won't tell you that this event was all "Praise God, Hallelujah", but I will say, "Hallelujah! Praise God! The Blood of Jesus has been, and ALWAYS is, the power that will see us all through to the other side of ALL the events in our lives!" The purpose for this message is that it helps and encourages someone that reads it. Believe in, and trust God. He IS faithful! I encourage us all to stand up and suit up! It's more important TODAY to share the love of Jesus with a hurting and fearful world, than when we first began.

I'll close with the words of the Apostle Paul when he prayed over the church in Philippi. These very same sentiments we feel for all of you. ***"May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."*** (Philippians 1:2-6)

## **FUN FACTS**

March 2nd – In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

March 2nd – In 1877, the U.S. Congress declared Rutherford B. Hayes the winner of the 1876 presidential election, despite the fact that Samuel J. Tilden had won the popular vote.

March 2nd – In 1917, the Jones-Shafroth Act was enacted, granting U.S. citizenship to the people of Puerto Rico.

March 2nd – In 1969, the Concorde supersonic airliner flew at subsonic speeds for the first time.

March 30th – In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward completed the purchase of Alaska for \$7.2 million.

March 30th – In 1870, the U.S. Congress readmitted Texas to the union.

March 30th – In 1964, the TV quiz show Jeopardy! Premiered on NBC with host Art Fleming.

March 30th – In 1981, John Hinckley Jr. shot U.S. President Ronald Reagan in the chest in an assassination attempt.

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## Confronting Wrong

By Stephen Arterburn

***"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted." - Galatians 6:1***

God has given us the responsibility to honestly confront those who do wrong. For most of us, confrontation is a difficult task. For a few, it's much too easy. I hope you don't delight in finding fault in others. If you do, stop, and consider if you do this as a way of overlooking your own faults.

God does call you, however, to help others see the truth. In essence, you can hold up a mirror to your good friends, and they hopefully will do the same for you.

Jude, the brother of Jesus, reminds us that we are to deal honestly and directly with those who do wrong, while showing them mercy (**Jude 22-23**). Help others see their faults but with great humility. You're not responsible for the behavior of others, but you are responsible to gently and tactfully point out areas of misbehavior that may cause them to stumble, fall, or lose their way.

Are you avoiding some tough conversations? If you have kids, are you confronting them? And when you do, are you doing it with gentleness and humility? Check yourself. Is your tone respectful? Is your word choice uplifting or condescending? God calls you to show courage by addressing wrong. But remember the goal is always to see the other person restored, not belittled. Help that person turn back to God.

***"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." - John 16:33***

***"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah." - Psalm 46:1-3,7***

***"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10***

***"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control." - 2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)***

***"I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." - Psalm 16:8 (AMP)***

***"Cast your burden on the Lord (releasing the weight of it) and He will sustain you; He will never allow the (consistently) righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail)." - Psalm 55:22 (AMP)***

***"He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be moved." - Psalm 62:6 (AMP)***

***"Casting the whole of your care, all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully." - 1 Peter 5:7 (AMP)***

***"The Lord is good, a Strength and Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows (recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands) those who take refuge and trust in Him." - Nahum 1:7 (AMP)***

***"The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You." - Isaiah 26:3***

## From the Inside

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Even still He knew eventually I'd stop my selfish life of crap long enough to learn about His precious Son, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Jesus is the true source of living water, able to keep a bad tree from staying bad.

I hope that this message encourages someone that, if we just keep up with our studying and trusting in Jesus while applying ourselves to learn and practice what we are encouraged with, like: Be kind, patient, good, faithful, love others and watch our tongue etc. ... it becomes easier to go on doing so and even feel God's presence. Trust me, He hears, and He sees us, and we will have a reward for doing our best. For me to have grown up so crazy in experiences, prison off and on for about 20 years and then to do the complete opposite: choose the lifestyle of worship, to follow Jesus, someday more fully than others, eventually the rewards do come to pass.

I thank you, 'Duck', and the *Overcomers for Christ* for believing too and for being a part of a true gift of true love and fellowship. "I feel like we be havin a lil' church up in our newsletters!"

## Christian Comedy

My cousin works at the paper factory where his responsibilities are twofold.

### Quote Worthy

*"I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better."*

- Plutarch (AD 46 – after AD 119) - a Greek Middle Platonist philosopher, historian, biographer, essayist, and priest at the Temple of Apollo in Delphi. He is known primarily for his *Parallel Lives*, a series of biographies of illustrious Greeks and Romans; and *Moralia*, a collection of essays and speeches.

### Logic Puzzle Answer

**Dominica** - 1 Gold Medal & 5 Silver Medals  
**Oman** - 2 Gold Medals & 6 Silver Medals  
**Zimbabwe** - 3 Gold Medals & 10 Silver Medals  
**Malawi** - 4 Silver Medals & 2 Gold Medals

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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!**

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## Promises From His Love for Us By O.P.

Do we know all of the promises we obtain?  
Do we know all of the blessings we gain?

Do we know just how special we are seen?  
In God's eyes we are above a king or queen.

God has called us His children, a joint heir  
We're adopted sons and daughters, His home we'll  
someday share.

He calls us part of His vine, and His friends,  
We're citizens of heaven, now until the end.

God calls us saints, holy and righteous,  
Only by the blood of Jesus, whom we confess.

Only by His grace do these blessings hold  
Only through Jesus do these blessings unfold.

His love goes deeper than the price He paid,  
A river of living water, His stream will never fade.

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