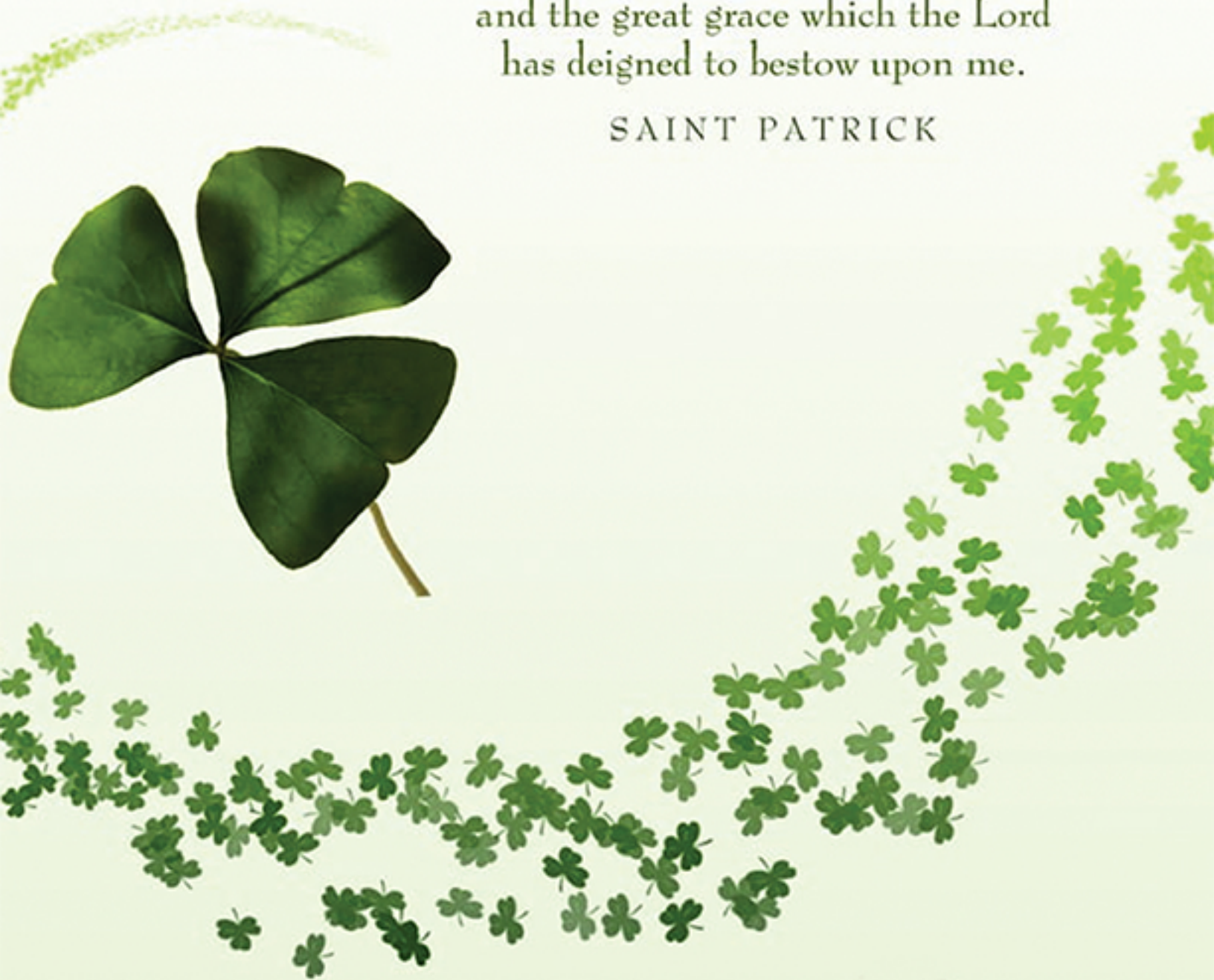


# Overcomers for Christ

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Hence I cannot be silent,  
and indeed I ought not to be,  
about the many blessings  
and the great grace which the Lord  
has deigned to bestow upon me.

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# Glory Meeting of the Overcomers for Christ November 2023



## Vision/Imagination Part 1

By Wade Anderson

As we have entered this new year, 2024, I pray that, through the Lord's promises, you all experience His rich abundant blessings in every area of your lives!

Let's pray: *"Father, I thank You for Your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Lord, I'm grateful for this message that You have stirred up inside of me to share with the OC4C family. Walking back through, these many and mighty dreams and visions You, Sir, have shared with me, causes me to be filled with gratitude and thankfulness of who I am in You. Holy Spirit, I invite You to rise up on the inside of me, to be the Teacher, to guide and direct these words that my words are easily understood in order that they bring revelation to everyone that read them. Thank You that these words allow us to better grasp and understand that You are always speaking to Your children. It's in Jesus name I pray and believe. Amen."*

Through these many events that God has brought back up from my memory and rekindled within me, my prayer is that you will begin to see that imagination is the power source for our lives. Most people fail to realize that God built imagination into our makeup. **Psalm 103:14** says, *"For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."* The same Hebrew word that was translated frame in this verse was translated imagination or imaginations five times in the Old Testament. (**Genesis 6:5, 8:21; Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Chronicles 28:9, 29:18**). After reading those Scriptures one could conclude that imagination is the frame or the spine of our existence. Imagination is the doorway to our potential and affects the way that we view life. We shouldn't put imagination in the same category as childhood fantasy. As you will read throughout this article, as I activated my imagination, I was able to see the things God was showing me, from conception to eventually, birth.

The dictionary renders *imagination* as; *the process or power of forming a mental image of something not real or present*. Some of us confuse imagination with vision. Here's the definition of *vision*; *a mental image produced by the imagination*. From just those two definitions it looks like we can't have vision without an imagination, right?

As I mentioned above, most of us associate imagination with childness. Many of us have been taught that using our imagination or believing in something that we can't see is fantasy. The dictionary defines *fantasy* as an *illusion or a delusion, or a daydream*. Now let's look at the definition of *delusion*, *a false belief held in spite of invalidating evidence*. This says that fantasy isn't real because it isn't based on validating evidence. So, I would have you see, imagination IS real. Imagination is the ability to see with our minds what we cannot see with our natural eyesight.

Let me ask you to close your eyes and reflect back to your childhood home. Now, with your eyes closed, how many windows were in that home? I'm willing to bet that even though you may never have counted those windows before, you'd know how many there were. Why? Thanks to your imagination, your mind's eye can recreate that home and walk you through it, room by room. Imagination helps us 'see' what can't be seen. We can't live without imagination.

If I were to say the word dog to you, your mental picture would not be the letters D-O-G. No. Your imagination would pull up a picture of a dog. If you had owned a little white dog, that specific dog would quickly become your mental picture. Even at that, if I were to now say 'big black dog' I could change your mental picture. Imagination helps us 'see' what can't be seen. It creates pictures in our minds that help us remember, read, and plan. Here's the thing though, imagination can only work with the information that you give it – good or bad, right or wrong. Listen to **Luke 6:45**, *"A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."* So, if we fill our imagination with the garbage going on around us in the world that's exactly what it will produce, garbage! **Romans 12:2** shows us, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."* From my own personal experiences, the more I renew my mind with the Word of God the easier my imagination helps me receive from God. Are you beginning to see how powerful the imagination can be?

Every motorcycle project that I have ever built has started with a vision for direction. First, the power train and the frame have to be compatible. Evolution motors won't fit in an old Shovelhead frame, the stroke is longer so that makes them too tall. So, the engine and transmission I decide to use has to fit the frame configuration. However, you can put a Panhead or a Shovelhead motor in an Evolution frame. Using an older motor design in an Evolution frame opens even more possibilities with transmissions. After those things have been established, my imagination begins to come up with different ideas. What type of front end, what sheet metal style am I going to use. Sometimes it takes a couple different mock-ups before my eyes begin to see what my imagination has already seen. From that point, the wheels, brakes, and paint job seem to fall right into place. Through this process each step speaks to me, and the once mental picture becomes a reality.

I started a different message to share with all of you, but through a chain of events and direction from Holy Spirit, yes, we're headed in another direction. This will more than likely cover several issues and many of the early events as I first began following Jesus - Meaning, dreams, visions, and specific words that I received from the Lord. Ready? Let's go.

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As the Lord began to speak to me and show me things, I didn't have a clue where I was actually going or what my new life was going to turn out to be. Instead of deeply questioning what was going on, I simply started to follow His voice. ***"The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out ... his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."*** (John 10:3, 4b-5) Notice here that Jesus didn't say we wouldn't hear the voice of a stranger. No. He said that we wouldn't follow the voice of a stranger. After giving our hearts and lives to Jesus, believe me, you are going to hear the voice of the stranger trying to turn you from the assignment that God has given you! The devil is the deceiver, and he will follow you and listen closely to the things you say, the ways that you act and yes, even watch to see if your countenance lines up with what you are confessing with your mouth. The devil CAN NOT make you do something contrary to the Word of God unless he can get into your head and chip away at your new vision/ imagination. If you crack the door, he has every right to come in and try to rob you.

Now, in **John 10:14-15**, Jesus unlocks the parable in the paragraph above. ***"I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know me— just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My life for the sheep."*** Continuing on to **John 10:16**, ***"I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and One Shepherd."*** When I read this Scripture, it woke me up that even though I was one of those sheep yet to be in the sheep pen, Jesus never gave up on me. This gave me hope to the fact that Jesus had been calling my name and probably since I was a kid, but obviously I was up to my ears in the world listening to the voice of the stranger!

Right from the motorcycle accident that I had with my 8-year-old grandson (2007), where God finally got my undivided attention, my life was turned completely upside down. I mean this in the very best of ways. In that accident and through the short hospital experience, not once did I ever think that I was going to die. However, that is exactly what happened. I died to self as the greatest spiritual awakening began to take place deep inside of me. God had placed something inside of me and now He was preparing me for something greater than I'd ever imagined. I instantly developed such a burning desire, hunger and thirst for God and His Word that I seemed to not be able to read enough to fill the once void. These were and still are the best experiences ever!

From that accident forward was when my life was radically changed. Instead of riding my motorcycle all over the valley, I bought a nice bicycle, with flames, saddlebags, and ape hanger handlebars, at a yard sale and pedaled around the valley sometimes 15 – 20 miles a day. I was that crazy guy that would walk up to you at the bus stop, or gas pump and ask you, "Do you know that Jesus loves you so much?" I often wondered if "the crazy Jesus freak guy at the bus stop" was the topic at many dinner tables, for some of those I encountered in my pedaling around the streets. Never realizing it before, because I was riding on the sidewalks instead of the streets now, the trees and bushes in many places were so overgrown that it was nearly impossible to pass without swinging way left or right to get by. So, I started carrying two different size clippers and pruners in my saddlebags. Every time I encountered an unopen path, I would stop and trim ALL of the trees. One lady passing through on a mobilized cart stopped and asked me if I was working for the city. I told her, "Nope, I'm working for the Jesus." She responded with, "Then why are you doing all of this trimming?" "So that you can pass freely through here without leaving the sidewalk," I said. "Well God bless you," she said as she drove through with no obstructions. I'm pretty sure the city was just as confused as these people while they traveled behind me picking up all of the huge mounds of brush I'd cut.

Being so full of zeal and with more energy than I'd ever experienced (even on drugs), I was confused about what was really going on inside of me. One day Michelle encouraged me with, "While you're riding around why don't you stop in at that big church over there on the mountain (Phoenix First Assembly) and ask to speak to someone." This was only a couple of weeks into this transformation. That morning I got on my bicycle, at close to 100 degrees and rode over there to speak to someone. Hair down the middle of my back (yes, I had hair back then), a tank top with tattoos everywhere and sweat rolling down my face and body, I walked in and asked to speak with someone that was available.

I sat in the lobby for just a few minutes when this clean shaven, well-dressed man walked out to greet me and asked how he could help me. I asked him if we could go into an office or room somewhere. As we entered his office, again he asked how he could help me. As he sat down in his chair, I closed the door behind me and told him, "You'd better hang on. I'm about to rock your world!" I started from the time that I was a kid and didn't leave a single detail out about the life that I had been living. He got all of the dirt! I told him I knew of Jesus as a kid but never was too concerned about that lifestyle. How I'd been beaten up by religion and chose a whole different path for my life. I told him that I'd had a motorcycle accident just recently, and that was when I said a simple prayer. Now my whole world seems to have changed. I can't figure out what's going on inside of me. While he listened, at different times he would just smile at me while other times he'd get a tear in his eye. I didn't let up for close to 45 minutes. That was when he leaned forward in his chair towards me and said, "My new friend, when you walked in here you told me to hang on because you were about to rock my world. Let

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**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

My oldest sister, Olga, just turned 69. She has been battling numerous strokes, brain bleeds, and an aneurism and is now totally dependent on others, sisters, and nurses, to care for her every need. Olga can't walk, speak sentences, or anything a normal person can do. My request to you and the church is to please include Olga in your prayers. I lost my oldest and last brother in 2023, and I dread to think that I'll lose another sibling, but I know that when God feels the time is appropriate, He'll let her sleep until His return. So, until then, please keep her in your prayers. - P.G.

I love you and I feel lonely and sad ... please pray for me that these demons are getting the best of me. I'm so tired of dealing with all this bull, I'm tired. I love you and thank you for hearing me out, I don't want to give up on life, but I don't have anything to fight for, my boys are gone. I lost both of them, one after another that hit me so hard. I wish it was a nightmare but it's not, it's real and they are gone. God bless you all and sorry for telling you all this, but I really don't have anybody to talk to. - O.T.

I pray that our Father continues to bless the ministry abundantly so you guys can continue to be a blessing to us behind these walls. I pray that all doors our Father has opened you will be able to walk through them. I pray that our Father blesses you all in all that your hands touch, and mind sets out to do, that He goes before you all and make any crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth, I pray that His peace guards your minds and hearts. in Jesus mighty and wonderful name Amen. Jesus is all we need because He is more than enough. Your brother in Christ. - P.G.

Please pray that the church has the courage to fight back against ungodly leaders. - A.J.

Please pray for my family as we are going through a difficult time. My son is turning 16 this month and my wife and I have been having a hard time with him. He says he is a young man of God but lies to us and omits the truth. My wife and I are leaning on our faith that our son will grow and see that lies not only hurt us but hold him back on his walk. Your brother in Christ. - J.D.

### PRAISE REPORTS

Finally, things broke my way. This week I will finally be eligible for fire camp, and then out by the end of the year! That's when it's time to use all the precious diamonds that I have been given by revelation within His Word. I have all of your contact information and I look forward to joining the fight to bring light into a sometimes-dark place. If Christ is this world's all-in-all, then these gates, prison walls, sickness, and health pale in comparison to His Glory! Let us all continue to keep our eyes above the waves, and only on Him. Even though the storms may rage, our peace remains. The Lamb's Book of Life has a list of our names. In His palms our names are engraved. He rose on the third day, and His truth remains. - J.H.

In one of my last pieces of mail I shared with you that 'they' have granted me my parole! All I'm waiting for now is for the Governor to let me go. Praise Jesus! - B.T.

God is here in this Tucson Camp! We are shining as a light in a dark place, and God has placed me in a visible venue known as the 'Tool Room'. I come in contact daily with men who need the Lord and who have either known Him long ago as a child or who have never known Him. I have had an opportunity to present the truth of the free Gift of Salvation compared to the works system and the powerlessness of other religions. - J.M.

Jesus has really gotten me through so much all these years. Although I went to church, I never read the Bible front to back in my whole life, until coming here, then I did it again and again, and today I finally really understand all the messages, well of course I'm still finding revelation things every day! In the last two years, one of my sons went back to the Lord being in his life. I have peace in my heart knowing he's reinstated his life with Jesus! My youngest daughter went to church out of the blue after a long time. I'm so happy for her too! All of my children have stood by me throughout these 17 years down. It's so hard to believe it's been that long!! And like I mentioned, I'm just trying to get back to them, they're waiting! I want to run into the ocean, feel my feet in the sand, and also go to the Redwoods and hug it lol! Don't know if I'll still be able to surf by then, but I will try! Anyway, keep doing all the great things you do, I pray for you and your work. Your sis in Christ. - J.L.

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## From the Inside

### Marching Forward

By P.G.

I am waiting this morning for our study out in the yard. What we usually do is pass it to another brother to share a word or a testimony. We have about six men that take turns. We used to have the dorm 3 classroom on Thursday and Sunday nights. Thursday night we did the same thing we are doing outside and on Sunday we did Communion, worship and pray. On Thursday nights we're a packed house, with all chairs taken. We even had to go and get our stools that we sit on in our cubicles so that the people coming can sit down. Well, they took the classroom from us because they said we were not qualified as inmates to be holding Church services. So now we switched to outdoors. With that taking place, there are not as many coming as there were to the indoor services, but we still are many. All glory be to God we have not stopped, we just keep Marching Forward.

As it's starting to get colder, we are going to switch both morning and night services to the afternoons. Some brothers have said it's too hot outside, now they are going to say it's too cold. But what keeps me going is we have brothers and sisters in other parts of the world, hiding and wishing they had it as easy as we do in America.

I heard a testimony one day from a brother who had been in China. He was there for a couple of days and was explaining everything that our brothers and sister went through just to get to the fellowship there, sharing all of the uncomfortable things they endured just to hear the Word. Traveling long hours to get there, then sitting on a hard wood floor, in the heat for many hours of the three days he was there. He asked the people he was fellowshipping with, "What is going to happen if they got caught?" They casually said, "You will go to prison for three years and then they will ship you back to the U.S." He also told us that he had taken 10 Bibles, but there were eleven people. Passing them out he noticed one lady pass hers on to another person. He later asked her why she did that and she said she had already remembered that Book. While in prison, for her faith, they would get the Word on written paper and quickly memorized it because it would eventually be confiscated. Wow! He said he asked the woman this question at the end of the service, "What can I do for you?" She responded, "Pray for us to have the freedom with the Word of God like the brothers and sisters in America have." That's when he responded, "I'm going to pray that we become like you guys." Then he goes on to list these things. We can't even sit in a service without AC and comfortable chairs, while you guys sat on hard wood floors, in the heat, for hours, three days in a row.

I share these things with the *Overcomers for Christ* family to hopefully encourage others, but more importantly, because what we are doing on 'this' yard is what keeps me Marching Forward!

### You Know How the Story Goes

By L.R.

Hello, I pray all is well with you and the *Overcomers for Christ* family. I'm praying for peace and prosperity for our newcomers as well!! I enjoyed the newsletter for this month, my spirit needed nourishment. I enjoy all that it brings to the table, especially here where it can be dark and lonely. I have done all of my 30s and 40s in prison, and next month on the 13th I'll be 48. Where did time go? Anyway, I've always tried to be a good leader, never a follower. I know that God says narrow is the gate that leads to eternal salvation and broad is the way to destruction. I've kept that in mind in a lot of situations I don't fit in or feel accepted, but being a chosen vessel, I tend to find myself closer to God and farther from man or woman while being used where I am for the purpose of His Kingdom.

As of now, in my spirit, I'm taking a look at the penal system! It's tough though. They are legalizing Suboxone and it's on the med line even if you have under ten years you can get it! Wow, right? Just know I'm on my way to N/A rite now, it's just sad to my spirit because I'm surrounded by girls in their 20s who came in on fentanyl, and it's being made easier to not stay sober.

Well, *You Know How the Story Goes*. I'm just glad we know how the real story ends! The devil is defeated, his place is hell fire and brimstone, and victory is ours! We can rest assured in that, PRAISE our Father's Holy Name!! Thank You Jesus!! God Bless us all and be safe! Your sister in Christ.

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## From the Inside

### How To Worship Builds Bridges

By C.K.

Dear Overcomers for Christ family, I wrote some things down while reading for a Bible study. I felt like I needed to write these things down. I wrote one after the other, and in no particular order. After sharing it with a friend, she told me that I needed to send it to the Overcomers for Christ family. I'm sharing it in hopes that many can benefit from the message I was given *How To Worship Builds Bridges*.

God is delighted when His people come together in worship and prayer, to live out the power of the Cross, to break down the dividing walls. It takes the Holy Spirit to melt down the inner barriers we have erected, and to create in us a desire for God and other people. We can't do it ourselves. It takes the work of God's grace in our lives.

The singing enveloped me. It was furry and resonated, coming from everyone's heart. There was no sense of performance or judgement, only that the music was breath and food. Somehow the singing wore down as did the boundaries and distinction that kept me so isolated. I felt bigger than myself, like I was being taken care of, coming back to life. Such softening of our hearts so that the barriers we have erected are broken down and bridges are built between isolated people reveals the miraculous power of worship.

When we focus our attention on the God of all creation, the One who made all the tribes and nations, who pours out His presence whenever people are gathered in His name, THEN all boundaries distinction that keeps us separated from each other are worn down and authentic community and reconciliation results. Worship is the power that opens us up to the possibility of reconciliation. It fosters an atmosphere of openness, vulnerability and humility that awakens us to be a prophetic community whose task is to "nurture, nourish and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominate culture around us." It is in worship that this alternative consciousness is developed.

The Apostle Paul understood this and therefore urges us, in *Romans 12:1-2*, "**Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing, and perfect will.**" Here, according to Paul, worship is more than an event; it's a lifestyle of submission and integrated world view, with no fake dichotomies between worship, spirituality, and social reality. He calls us to a lifestyle of worship so that we no longer "conform to the patterns of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Whenever we truly see God for who He is, the Light of His glory causes us to look more closely to ourselves and take a more careful inventory of our lives. It's almost as if the glory of God functions like a searchlight, that helps us to see things about our people, groups, and ourselves that we hadn't seen or acknowledged before.

This is what it means to worship God in spirit and in truth, it's responding to the Holy Spirit by becoming transparent, honest, humble, and vulnerable enough to tell God the truth about the people we represent and about ourselves. In a conversation with a Samaritan woman, in *John 4:19-23*, Jesus makes it explicitly clear that these are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks; people who will be honest with God and themselves as a true act of worship. Let's read, together, what Jesus said. "**Sir, the woman said, 'I can see that You are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but You Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'**" **Woman, Jesus replied, 'believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.'**"

These worshippers are not overly identified with customs or traditions of their religious groups. Instead, they recognize God as the One who transcends human religious practice, who deserves our true worship and allegiance. No religious group can claim any special status at the Cross, where the basis of all self-worship and pride was destroyed. When we repent at the foot of the Cross, we celebrate Jesus' victory over the pretend rulers of humanity. As we continue to renounce their rule over us in worship, we acknowledge our need for God's help, provision, forgiveness, and guidance.

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# Foot's Bible Study

## **Daniel 2:24-5:31**

Often kings would kill the bearer of bad news. But Daniel was not afraid to tell the truth to the king even though it was not what he wanted to hear. We should be just as courageous in telling the truth under pressure. (5:22)

## **2 Peter 1:1-2:22**

Our faith must go beyond what we believe, it must become a dynamic part of all we do resulting in good fruit and spiritual maturity. Salvation does not depend on good deeds, but it results in good deeds. A person who claims to be saved while remaining unchanged does not understand faith or what God has done for him or her. (1:9)

A person is a slave to whatever controls him or her. Many believe that freedom means doing anything we want. But no one is ever completely free in that sense. If we refuse to follow God, we will follow our sinful desires and become enslaved to what our body wants. If we submit our life to Christ, He will free us from slavery to sin. Christ frees us to serve Him, a freedom that results in our ultimate good. (2:19)

## **Psalms 119:113-128**

The psalmist said that he is a "foreigner here on earth", and so he needed guidance. Almost any long trip requires a map or guide. As we travel through life, the Bible should be our road map, pointing out safe routes, obstacles to avoid, and our final destinations. We must recognize ourselves as pilgrims, travelers here on earth who need to study God's map to learn the way. If we ignore the map, we will wander aimlessly through life and risk missing our real destination. (119:119)

## **Proverbs 28:17-20**

A sinner's conscience will drive him into either guilt, resulting in repentance, or to death itself because of a refusal to repent. It is no act of kindness to try to make him feel better, the more guilt he feels, the more likely he is to turn to God and repent. If we interfere with the natural consequence of his act, we may make it easier for him to continue to sin. (28:17-18)

Plowing his land is a call to hard work, a promise of reward, and a warning against frivolity or overindulgence in fun. (28:19)

*A faithful man succeeds, that is faithfulness to God, not greedy, determines a successful life. (28:20)*

## "Foot" Notes

Brothers and sisters, don't ever think that God does not have you in mind. No matter where you are, pay attention and you will see opportunity open up before your very eyes. God WILL move in your life so just stick with your faith in Him and things will always happen for you.

Love to you all short and tall. Don't ride faster than you angels can fly.



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me tell you this. You, my new brother, had better hang on because God is about to rock your world!" Right after that he proceeded to share his testimony with me. Right there I had the revelation that 'you can't judge a book by its cover.' After our meeting he prayed with me and asked God to put a terrible taste in my mouth for the things of the world, and that if I did any of the things we'd discussed, I would literally get sick to my stomach. Believe me, I never held anything back in my conversation with him, after he prayed the way that he did I was sort of fearful to test and see if God really worked like that. Nevertheless, his prayer helped steer me clear of it all. I guess, at that point I 'thought' his prayers were more powerful than mine and I was scared to even test what he prayed. I know that's not the truth now. I know God differently today, but his prayer did stay in the forefront of my mind to this day.

Within the next week or so God began to show me, in dreams, some of what was yet to come. In one of those dreams, I was on my bicycle riding over in Sunnyslope. I parked the bicycle, on the sidewalk, across the street from this tiny house trailer. I noticed, from the outside it appeared to be only a single standing building, about twelve feet wide, with only an entrance door and no windows. I know now that I was led by the Spirit to open the door and go inside. As the door closed, I looked around at the walls and as I'd seen from the outside, there were no windows anywhere. Then I noticed, at the opposite end of the room was a couch. On that couch was this very seductive woman lying there half naked trying to entice me to come lay beside her. Taking a step back, I looked around the room again but this time I seen that now there was a small window, about 20" by 4', about 4' from the floor. I opened the window and began to crawl through it. I thought I would be on the outside of this trailer but instead I was in another small room. As soon as I had my feet on the floor, I heard a knock at the back door. I went to the door and opened it. The person standing there asked me this question, "Is this where I can score some good dope?" As I pushed him to the side and made my way out the door, I told him, "I don't have a clue what you are talking about" and made my way past him and back to my bicycle.

It was a few months later when Holy Spirit revealed the meaning of that dream through this very Scripture. **"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."** (1 Corinthians 10:13) The Spirit showed me that when I walked inside that tiny trailer and found that seductive woman there in front of me, **'these temptations are common to all mankind'**. Remember, there were no windows in the room when I first walked in? But then as I was being tempted, I looked around again and, **'He did not let me be tempted beyond what I could bear.'** In another translation it literally says, **"He will give you a window of escape."** The window I crawled through only led me from the temptations in the first room. Entering the next area, I found even more temptation knocking at the door. Here the Spirit revealed to me that there will always be temptation. But **"God is faithful"**, and as I opened the door, that was my way out of it all!! Somebody say, **"HALLELUJAH!"**

Scripture doesn't promise us that we WON'T be tempted. NO! It says, "But when you ARE tempted; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear." The enemy will always come at us, as children of God, and tempt us with so many different things, some new things and some that we used to indulge in our past. The devil CANNOT make you act on any of it! But we ourselves crack the door if/when we decide to paint images in our minds of this particular 'temptation'. Let me reassure you all, temptation is NOT sin unless you react and act on it!

I left there from that tiny trailer, on my bicycle headed back home, but as I turned the corner on to 15th Ave, all of a sudden, I was walking instead of riding. As I walked towards my house, I was talking out loud, but in just a normal speaking voice. All of a sudden, my voice was echoing LOUDLY off the houses around me. I stopped briefly to look around and that was when I heard this, "Your voice will be heard." At that point I woke up in bed and I had no idea what all of this meant, but I wrote it all down on paper. Let me encourage you to WRITE THESE THINGS DOWN BROTHERS AND SISTERS! GOD IS ALWAYS SPEAKING TO YOU AND SHOWING YOU THINGS TO COME! It will actually activate your faith when you write these things down and watch God bring them to pass in your life!

Because there was so much that took place in those new beginnings, I'll have to figure out where to break this message up. It looks like this is a pretty good place to stop, and easy enough to pick up next month. As you read these things, I encourage you all to invite Holy Spirit to rise up on the inside of you. Holy Spirit is a gentleman, He won't make you do anything that you don't want to. Fix your 'want to', fine tune the dial to better hear His voice. Amen?!

## What Others Are Saying...

"My O.C.C family! First, and foremost thank you! I am deeply humbled and honored to be chosen to have my story published. The publishing of my story was a part of my transformation, like the metamorphosis of a butterfly. I'm sure with your efforts, and God's help, many can relate to this life cycle of transformation. I truly do thank each and every one of you there at the O.C.C! I love you and thank you for being here for me until this very day." - P.M.

"Wade, saints and the O.C.C family of God, thank you kindly for the Christmas card of encouraging words. I really appreciate your personal thought of using my inspiration for your Easter Edition." - R.M.

"Overcomers for Christ family, a friend and Christian brother receives your newsletters and has allowed me to read them. It has inspired me to write to you and ask if it is possible that I could receive my own newsletters? When I am released, I am going to be involved with a faith-based church in Michigan. I believe that part of my ministry work for the Lord is going to start a prison ministry. Reading your newsletters has inspired me to do something similar to your newsletter. I really enjoy your writing and again, it is very inspiring! Thank you for your time, and God bless you all in what you do for the Lord." - D.W.

"May God bless this ministry in every way that only He can, which is a lot! You all have kept me going through God's Word since I started receiving your newsletters back in 2018! Keep up the good work." - R.B.

"I'm just sending this card and words to show my appreciation for all you all do. Over the years you have helped me feel a part of this family and I've finally made it to a minimum custody facility. It's a privately owned facility and since I've arrived here, I've gotten the opportunity to share the newsletters with many others. We all love you and send our thanks to all of you." - W.S.

"Just know, God dwells inside of our hearts and lives inside all of His children. It is always important to stay in prayer and fellowship with those who also love our God. You all do this and that is why I appreciate you in my life. The Scriptures you have written and sent to me are loving and caring for my life. The Word of the Gospel brightens up my days. My spiritual life has grown and no matter what trials or temptations I face I know I can, and I will overcome all of it, because I am a child of God! Thank you for everything you do for me. And most importantly, I thank God! As you know, I'm still here in prison, and I don't mind being here for God to do His will in and with my life. I will always stay faithful to the Lord while staying in prayer and fellowship with your ministry. Just know this, God loves every single one of you there at the O.C.C ministry." - M.C.

## FUN FACTS

In 1936, the first stock car race was held in Daytona Beach, Florida.

## Christian Comedy

What did the fish say when he ran into the wall?

Dam!!

## Quote Worthy

*"When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out, and the tide of love rushes in."*

- Kristin Armstrong (1973 - ) a former professional road bicycle racer and three-time Olympic gold medalist, the winner of the women's individual time trial in 2008, 2012, and 2016.

# WORD OF THE MONTH

## Hubris

Pronunciation – 'hyū-brəs

Noun - exaggerated pride or self-confidence

"... our belief in democracy regardless of local conditions amounts to cultural **hubris**."

*Did You Know ...* English picked up both the concept of **hubris** and the term for that particular brand of cockiness from the ancient Greeks, who considered **hubris** a dangerous character flaw. In classical Greek tragedy, **hubris** was often a fatal shortcoming that brought about the fall of the tragic hero. Typically, overconfidence led the hero to attempt to overstep the boundaries of human limitations and assume a godlike status, and inevitably the offender is humbled with a sharp reminder of their mortality.

### How To Worship Builds Bridges by C.K. ...continued from page 7

When we worship, our focus, attention and affection are redirected to God, away from ourselves. In worship no person or group can boast; instead, we recognize that we are all the same, and we are humbled. We are no longer the center of our world, God IS! When we look to God and choose to worship and fear Him instead of worshipping and fearing people, we call people to come out from under the rule of oppression in order to begin a relationship with God! Ideally, this is what worship is supposed to do.



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# Yesterday and Today

By C.S.

I sat there, in a haze, fingering a notion that seemed  
pale and vague.

It called to me in sweet juniper overtones.

Gingerly touching my yesterday.

Such a tired and flagrant word.

How we yearn and burn for yesterday.

Today is lost, in the fray of that beguiled search, and  
only does today

Mean something of substance unit it is no longer ... no  
longer today.

So I continue on, putting up the years

Like stones on a shelf to admire only

When they are no longer in my hand.

The irony is thick here ... the future is enough.

*Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense*

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