

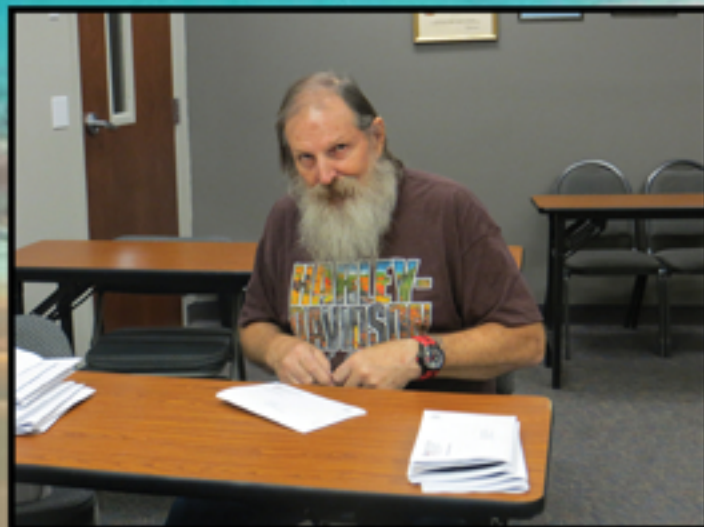
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Galatians 5:15

By B.T.

Hello Overcomers for Christ family. To begin, let's first look at **Galatians 5:15**, ***"But if you bite and devour one another [in bickering and strife], watch out that you [along with your entire fellowship] are not consumed by one another."***

I believe what Paul is telling us is this. When we, as Christians, allow our own sinful desires to rise above what our new born again spirits desire it won't take long and we will begin to criticize and contend with one another. And most of us already know where this leads ... we end up consumed in worthless struggles. So, simply put, walking by faith in God's Word, under the Spirit's control, assures victory over our sinful nature.

Let's stay with the revelation Paul had, this time from **Galatians 2:20** (ASV), ***"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me."*** Being as we are crucified with Christ, meaning He lives in us and we in Him, we no longer have to follow the path or desires of the world. Many times, it is difficult for some Christians to apply this spiritual reality to the passions, affections and desires of the flesh. This is exactly why we need to learn to walk in the spirit. Again, this simply means to listen and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

A believer that follows the Spirit's leading, will find it much easier to not become conceited, provoke others or envy others. We all know, intuitively, the difference in the things we say, the way we say it, what we do and what we watch on TV, what we listen to and the things we spend the most time reading ALL either have a positive or a negative effect in and through us. Let me ask you this. Which of these categories I listed above are positive and which are negative? Which of them are peaceful or evil, love or hate? With that let me ask you this; Are your present days looking and feeling similar to your past? It may be time to reevaluate what you have been sowing. Remember this, God's principle/law of sowing and reaping is as real as the law of gravity. Let me show you here in Scripture.

Let's read together, sticking with Paul, **Galatians 6:7-10** (BSB), ***"Do not be deceived: God is not to be mocked. Whatever a man sows, he will reap in return. The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to the family of faith."*** Now from the Old Testament, **Proverbs 22:8** (BST), ***"He that sows wickedness shall reap troubles; and shall fully receive the punishment of his deeds. God loves a cheerful and liberal man; but a man shall fully prove the folly of his works."***

Many of us, if completely honest, would agree that it's usually our mouths, or more specifically our tongues, that get us in more trouble than the many other parts of our bodies, right? With this being said, let's read what the Apostle James wrote about the tongue in **James 3:2-12** (AMP), ***"For we all stumble and sin in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says [never saying the wrong thing], he is a perfect man [fully developed in character, without serious flaws], able to bridle his whole body and rein in his entire nature [taming his human faults and weaknesses]. Now if we put bits into the horses' mouths to make them obey us, we guide their whole body as well. And look at the ships. Even though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the helmsman determines. In the same sense, the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.***

See [by comparison] how great a forest is set on fire by a small spark! And the tongue is [in a sense] a fire, the very world of injustice and unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our members as that which contaminates the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life [the cycle of man's existence], and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and sea creatures, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. But no one can tame the human tongue; it is a restless evil [undisciplined, unstable], full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God. Out of the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. These things, my brothers, should not be this way [for we have a moral obligation to speak in a manner that reflects our fear of God and profound respect for His precepts]. Does a spring send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brothers, produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Nor can saltwater produce fresh."

Brothers and sisters, this is powerful stuff! James just gave us numerous examples to look at here, but the specific topic was 'the tongue'. Our words have the power to either cut people apart or help in their healing process. This is not always an easy task when we attempt to do it with no regard or the help of His Holy Spirit. That's why it is so important that 'we' keep watchful eyes and ears to what 'we' allow in our lives, and on a daily basis.

We all can remember the 'old' person we once were. And praise God it's getting easier to see, since Christ sent His Spirit to live inside of us, the 'new' man/woman we are becoming. We recognize something has definitely begun to change because we are starting to talk differently, act differently and yes, even think differently. This doesn't mean that we will say or do the right thing every time. Thank God for His grace and His mercy. We also should remember the grace and mercy He has extended to us and learn to treat those around us with the same love and grace that has been extended to us.

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:14-21)

In a nutshell, Paul encourages us that if our spirits have agreed with His Spirit and we have made Jesus the Lord of our lives, it is now, ***"the love of Christ that now controls us"***. Paul goes on to assure us, ***"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*** Immediately he says, ***"Now all these things are from God."*** NONE of this of our own personal doing, except that we receive when we believe. And even though all we do is believe, look at what Paul says next. ***"Therefore, we ARE ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us."*** What a position and opportunity God has given us, through Christ, to be His ambassadors! It's important for us to pay special attention to the things we say, the way we respond and Who we represent. As Christ's ambassadors, first to the family of believers AND also the world around us let's remember, ***"So then, while we [as individual believers] have the opportunity, let us do good to all people [not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their spiritual well-being], and especially [be a blessing] to those of the household of faith (born-again believers)."*** (Galatians 6:10 AMP)

I will close with this.

As new men and women of God, transformed by the blood of Christ Jesus, let's stand to our feet, suited with the full Armor of God and sing together, ***"Change my heart O' God and make it ever true. Help me change my ways O' God and make me more like You. You are the Potter and I am the clay so make me and mold me, this is what I pray. May I be more like You."***

Christian Comedy

Did you hear about the two antennas that got married?

The wedding was just okay, but the reception was great!

Quote Worthy

"Many of us spend our whole lives running from feeling with the mistaken belief that you cannot bear the pain. But you have already borne the pain. What you have not done is feel all you are beyond the pain."

- Saint Bartholomew - one of the twelve apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. He is said to have been martyred for having converted Polymius, King of Armenia, to Christianity.

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

This past year was terrible for a lot of us, I lost some family members but the one that crippled my soul was when I lost my dad. Since then some of the family has fallen apart, and I can't be out there to help bring us back together, but I know of one thing that can help and that is prayer. So, I ask all of you to pray to bring my family back together. I love you guys, please take care ... **D.M.**

I pray that all is well with you guys and everyone is staying safe and Covid free ... **R.G.**

Overcomers for Christ! Please continue to pray for me and all the other brothers and sisters incarcerated. The Scriptures promise us that He will NEVER leave nor forsake us and even at our worst, He still loves us. Also, continue to pray for my family ... **V.I.**

I would love it if everyone in this **OC** family, that prays and believes in prayer, would lift with me this prayer request. I have been having to hand write a lot of my own legal work out and send it to my attorney. This is where I need the prayer of agreement. D.O.C is being difficult, for a lack of better words. It seems they are not standing on their word and not sending me on the interstate compact, up North around my people, they'd agreed to. They are telling me that even after these past 6 years in Max custody, with my score going down and my disciplinary showing I've been ticket free and nonviolent for the same amount of time. Not only are they backing out of the interstate compact deal, but I also have to stay here in Max custody until my release in 2027. That's 6 more years. Let's all agree that the Good Lord touches the hearts of the 'powers that be' ... **B.S.**

I was hoping you all could pray and believe with me in these areas. I came to Arizona from Michigan and was staying with my brother, who has since died. I didn't know anyone here in Arizona except him. My release date is just around the corner and I really could use God's help, through your prayers ... **M.G.**

I am asking that you all agree with me in prayer, that Jesus is giving me my dreams of getting out on this parole. When I am released, I will continue to go and do God's will for my life on the outside of these walls. God is so good, and He has been so good to me. I can hardly wait to be released and shine for Him on the outside. Thank you all for your prayers ... **R.G.**

Praise Reports

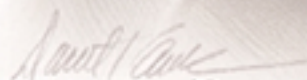
I do have a praise report, on Father's Day I was able to speak to my grandma and she was very excited to hear from me. It was very emotional but a real blessing all the same ... **R.G.**

You used to see me in county. I wanted to let you know I got 35 years and would like to keep in contact. Because of COVID, it messed a lot of stuff up but I met a brother here who had your info. Man, God is so great even though I got this sentence I keep faith and stand on **Isaiah 51:11, "Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return. They will enter Jerusalem singing, crowned with everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness."** I trust the Lord fully and know it will all work out. I just wanted to write and let you know what's going and where I am at. God bless you, may the Lord continue to bless you and your ministry ... **J.G.**

Thank you for the card. I'm doing great here. The church is awesome here, unlike anything I've experienced in all the time I've done. God is so good! He is blessing my ministry. He is using me and it is awesome. We make plans, but God directs our steps. I'm not worried about anything, it's His plan and timing for everything, and his timing is perfect! It is exciting watching the Holy Spirit at work here ... **J.T.**

Just a few lines to say thank you for the cards you have been sending me. Here's an update on me, I just received my certificate naming me Elder J.M. Having this will now give me access to ministries and churches to give donations to No Walls Ministries. As I go out and give to those who are having rough times like those living on the streets in downtown Phoenix. I get out in August. God bless you as you continue to bless inmates across Arizona and the USA ... **J.M.**

I must say it gives me great joy to be sitting here writing to you and to be clean and sober and of sound mind. Yes, God is still in the business of answering prayers. They did find out that I had Hep-C, but I have already taken part in the Hep-C treatment. It was twelve weeks and it was very, very tough on me. I lost 31 lbs, I had no appetite, had profuse sweats, and terrible body aches. The Lord brought me through and all is well now. Even in the first 34 days, the blood work showed that the Hep-C was undetectable in my body ... **R.G.**



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From the Inside

The Spirit of the Living God

By R.H.

I would like to share with you all an amazing moment I had with God's Spirit. About two weeks ago we got some new arrivals. Most, if not all of these guys are with walkers, canes or wheelchairs. One of these new guys' name we'll call him John. Well, he has cancer and is in really bad shape. He had a bad episode, with blood everywhere, cops no help, etc. Some of the brothers here took it upon themselves to look after and pray over him. We all took turns nursing him back to health. Today he is doing great, even coming to church every Sunday.

We also get together to make these guy's food on Saturdays. Although we seem to have meager portions it has fed them all until they are full. Our God is so amazing! The love and selfless acts of the brothers in Christ is truly humbling.

Please know that we circulate the newsletters. Some of the men are receptive to the Word while others, not so much. But, we all just keep doing as the Spirit of the Living God directs.

I Will Continue to Look to God

By R.A.

I don't usually FEEL all that strong. In fact, I find myself getting irritated at little things quite often. And the daily situations and circumstances I face tend to weigh me down, especially as they drag on. I don't always FEEL like I am any kind of 'sanctified' when I look back at my attitudes and actions.

But God reminds me that it isn't ME that makes me righteous. Nothing I do or say makes me more or less redeemed. I am only found to be holy because of what Christ has done. I look back over the past year and realize how far God has brought me. He is faithful to grow us from faith to faith and glory to glory, even when we can't see it at the time. It does however, require that I spend my daily time with Him. I can say, I am much faster at repenting for my stupidity than I used to be.

I am very grateful for the work God is doing in my life. He reminds me often of the truths that I have encountered through my devotions, *DS&C* newsletters, classes I've taken, sermons I've heard from the Anderson's, Andrew Wommack, Steven Furtick and other anointed pastors. To be honest, I miss hearing Jason Anderson preach. I always loved the depth of his teachings.

The one thing I can say this year has taught me is that the world will do all that it can to bring us into an attitude of fear. The news is pushing 'Doom and Gloom' harder than ever. In years past I might have been more apt to be lured into its grasp. But instead, I have found that I am FEELING a kind of "Righteous Indignation". I WILL NOT FEAR! MY GOD IS IN CONTROL, AND I TRUST HIM TO WATCH OVER ME! God promised in His Word, **John 16:33**, *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* I find myself clinging more and more to His promises.

One of the big promises I cling to is that He will set the captives free; He releases prisoners from their bondage. These promises keep showing up in my reading. I believe that it is for me to dwell on and build my faith upon. I believe that God gave me great wisdom in writing my Habeas. It was filled last week, and yesterday I learned that the judge was assigned. So it is officially in process! I trust God that He is in the middle of this process. I do believe, and am standing firm in faith, that my Habeas will be a success. And as our Hebrew brothers stated before being thrown into the fiery furnace, in **Daniel 3:18**, *"But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."* I will not bow down because God's ways are above my ways. My job is to do all that I can, and then stand.

God's promises are "Yes" and "Amen". He has given us grace when we stumble, righteousness as a covering, and everlasting life when we believe in His Son. But His promises require us to grab hold tightly, in faith, in order to bring them to fruition. And healing is one of these, especially in the church. Our faith in the promise, aligned with our confessions, are necessary in order to see His promises manifest in the natural. I believe that the promise of being set free as a prisoner is one of those promises for me. This is why I speak only positive results over my Habeas, even when faced with some


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daunting negative rulings done recently by the courts. I still will not look to the circumstances, I will continue to look to God.

HOLY CRAP

By M.D.

I thought I would write to my  family and let you all know I had a confirmation from God yesterday or as brother Foot would say, "HOLY CRAP!"

A counselor here asked me if I would help her go around her building, which is a building I don't live in, and have all of the workers sign for their state pay. In the process of doing so, I ran into a brother I hadn't seen in 6-7 years. That's when he pulls out his Bible and says, "Look what you gave me, I've saved it all these years."

From inside his Bible he pulls out a little card I had written for him and on it I had written: "Those who are wise will teach many, but they will also face great persecution. Difficult times remind us of our weaknesses/addictions and our inability to cope. We want answers, leadership and clear direction. During these times God's Word begins to interest even those who would never look at it. We should be ready to use our opportunities to share God's Word in needy times. We must also be prepared to face persecution and rejection as we teach and preach."

I have no memory of why I wrote this for him other than it had to have come from God for His purposes at the time. I thought it amazing how it has come full circle back to me. I'm so grateful that the Lord has basically reminded me that He has had me at work, for His kingdom, for many years and there is still work to do. Many of the seeds that I have planted are still growing! Praise God! All for His glory!

This one incident has helped me move past the reality of my many mistakes and into being led by the Spirit TODAY and into the work He has for me right here, right now. By being obedient and following His Holy Spirit, He promises that He will take care of the rest.

In Your Hand

By E.O.

Good morning family, I got your card sometime last week. Although it has taken me a minute to get back to you, this morning I had a strong urge to answer you back at this very moment.

I read this daily devotional called, 'The Beloved Psalm' by Janelle Anthony Breckell. Today's message really lifted me. So, I prayed on it, for God to give me the strength I need to pursue the goals that I feel our Lord is calling me to. Almost immediately something rose up inside of me as I realized, 'That would be an unjust God to give me something to accomplish for His glory and not equip me with all I will ever need for that vision/mission.' We all should know, that is NOT the God we serve. God did not give all of Himself, by sacrificing His Son Jesus, to turn around and play games with us.

I grew up Catholic and was even an altar boy at St. Matthews church in West Phoenix. Even though I went to Mass here last night, I'm in the process of changing my religious preference to Protestant so as to meet new Christian brothers here to study the true and only Word of our Lord. At this point we don't have a Christian service here on this yard. It falls under Protestant, which I don't mind. To me, it's just a title compared to what I feel in my heart. With each passing day I feel a transformation overwhelming me.

I received the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletter in the mail a couple of nights ago and I really enjoyed all of the encouraging words and Scriptures. The newsletters always open a whole new perspective on what I'm learning. For that I want to thank 'our' whole team there, for the peace it instills in me. I also shared this latest card with my family and they thank all of you as well. You all give us hope.

I'm going to close with the devotional that I read this morning that prompted me to write to you. It really spoke to me with what I'd been struggling with lately.

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Jeremiah 37:1-41:18

God is not pleased with those who come to Him seeking only what they can get rather than seeking to have a relationship with Him. We would not accept that kind of relationship with someone else, and we shouldn't expect God to accept it from us. (37:2-3)

Judah's leaders persecuted Jeremiah repeatedly for faithfully proclaiming God's messages. For 40 years of faithful ministry, he received no acclaim, no love, no popular following. He was beaten, jailed, threatened, and even forced to leave his homeland. Only the pagan Babylonians showed him any respect. (39:11-12) God does not guarantee that His servants will escape persecution, even when they are faithful. But God does promise that He will be with them and give them strength to endure. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7) As you minister to others, recognize that your service is for God and not for human approval. God rewards our faithfulness, but not always during our lifetime.

What a difference there is between Jeremiah's fate and Zedekiah's. Jeremiah was freed, Zedekiah was imprisoned. Jeremiah was saved because of his faith. Zedekiah was destroyed because of his fear, Jeremiah was treated with respect, Zedekiah was treated with contempt. Jeremiah was concerned for the people, Zedekiah was concerned for himself. (39:13-14)

The Babylonian commander, who did not know God, acknowledged that God had given the Babylonians victory. It is strange for people to recognize that God exists and does miracles and yet not personally accept Him. Knowing God is more than knowing about Him. Be sure you know Him personally. (40:2-3)

1 Timothy 6:1-21

We should honor God and center our desires on Him, and we should be content with what God is doing in our life. See *Philippians 4:11-13*. (6:6)

Psalms 89:38-91:16

In these verses, the questions are asked of why God seems to have turned His back on David, why all of his splendor has been ended. Even God's own chosen kings can be punished when they do not obey God's commands and keep their commitments with God. (89:38-52)

Realizing that life is short helps us use the little time we have more wisely and for eternal good. Take time to number your days by asking, "What do I want to see happen in my life before I die? What small step could I take toward that purpose today?" (90:12)

Proverbs 25:28-26:2

Self-control limits us, to be sure, it is necessary. An out of control life is open to all sorts of attacks by the enemy. Think of self-control as a wall for defense and protection. (25:28)

Being foolish has no honor and "an unfair curse will not land" means that the curse has no effect. (26:1-2)

"Foot" Notes

Hello, brothers and sisters, this time around I'd like to share with you about a book I just read that was written by Janene Prudler. She and her husband, Bob, used to come here to do services and share their anointing with us. Janene's book is from the heart and her testimony. After reading it, I felt this book would really be good for all the gals to read.

The book is called, *Good Girl Bad Girl, My Father's Daughter, My Journey an Open Book* by Janene Prudler. The book is available at www.rechargeministries.com. There's not too much this amazing woman of God has not endured in her life. Her writing will touch your heart and I'm sure for some who read it they will know that they are not alone in their trials. We're extremely blessed to have the Prudler's volunteer their time for us. Like the Overcomers they too are called to prison ministry.

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

Overcomer's Testimonies

Hook, Line and Sinker

By C.P.

Hello *Overcomers for Christ* family! This is the first time I have written to you all since receiving the monthly newsletter. I have been trying to find the right words to pen, yet I simply want to say, "Thank you all for your love, prayers and your words of encouragement. All of it has become very valuable to my walk as I know, through Christ I truly am a part of the family of God once again.

Having grown up in a Full Gospel church and called into the ministry at an early age, I found myself seduced by the glittery lies of riches that the enemy had put before me on a silver platter. Sad to say I bit, **Hook, Line and Sinker** only to find that it all was a mirage in a very dry landscape of pain and depression.

I ran from God and the call He had for me for another 23 years. This long run ended me in a jail cell knee deep in addiction and exhausted from digging a hole so deep I couldn't get out of it on my own. As I said earlier, God had other plans for my life. With every bottle of alcohol I drank I would awaken out of a dream of me preaching again. The Bible tells us that sin is for a season, then it's over. It can either trap you and you can accept that fate, or you can surrender all to Jesus Christ and be delivered.

I chose to repent and have found a new song of praise to our heavenly Father. I am now serving a dead man's sentence, for I died on a hill called Calvary, buried and covered in the blood of Jesus! It's no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me. Christ honestly is my everything. I am saved, Holy Ghost filled, tongue talking, tithe paying, blood washed, sanctified and yielded child of God! And since the Lion of the Tribe of Judah be for me, who can ever stand against me?!

Once I was lost, bound and seeking a way to end my life of misery. Today, I am currently enrolled in three colleges seeking an AA degree as well as a bachelor's in religious studies. Praise God! Only through His mighty grace could these things have even happened. By trade I was a chef/restaurateur but I am praying for God's direction of whether full time ministry is where He wants me upon my release. I like to say that I operate on a 3G system; 'God's Gracious Gift, while walking under the HGP – Holy Ghost Power!'

I truly am blessed to be acquainted with all of you there through the *Overcomers for Christ* newsletters and cards. As you well know, prison is not easy, being a person of faith isn't easy either, but I believe being in one accord as the body of Christ can accomplish so much. Praying with and for each other, edifying each other and allowing God to be God are all powerful acts of obedience.

One last thing about 'promise'. It possibly has never been more relevant than it is right this very moment in time for us Christians to stand in the gap for our great nation, The United States of America. This is a simple but yet powerful prayer that I often pray. Perhaps the rest of the *DS&S* family might find some comfort in this and stand in the gap together with me.

"Heavenly Father, I come to You not as the broken man I once was, but still with a heavy heart for this great Nation. We cannot fix this of ourselves, but yet it must start with each of us as Your children. Your Word tells us that You build up kings and You tear down kings. Lord, it also says that You build up nations and You tear down nations. Well, as You can clearly see our great nation needs Your hand to intervene. Through such a loud chaos in and at our Nation's capital the desperate cry of the innocent, the poor and the weak have been slowly drowned out. TODAY, as Your church, and Your children we come seeking relief, strength and Your power to stand. I know that it's so important for us to NOT compromise Your will for this Nation, as we found grace and favor, under You God! We not only seek a touch from our Master's hand but for You to light the fire inside of each of us, and fan the flames of transformation, give the leaders of this great Nation a more clear vision of Your Son Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Your Word states that where there is no vision the people perish. It's clear to see that many people, even Your church Lord, has more of a vision for the things of this world than the things, as Your Word clearly states, we are to love the things that You love and hate what You hate! We know that it's NOT the people that you hate, but it is the many things we've turned a blind ear and eye to, sin, that You despise. Help us heal our Nation, Thank you Jesus."

Family, please remember this, "God has an army marching through the land, deliverance is our song, healing is in our hands, everlasting gladness is in our hearts and in this army we each have a part!"

What Others Are Saying...

"Overcomers for Christ, first and foremost, thank you for all the years that you have sent me your newsletters. They have been a blessing beyond your belief and it's my utmost wish to meet all of you there to say thank you personally. Thank you for all you do in our lives and may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to bless all of you there at O+C." - T.C.

"Overcomers for Christ family, I just wanted to thank you for all the blessings you have given me. I am here on an eight year prison sentence. I am so grateful to be a part of the Overcomers for Christ family because you give me hope to become a fearful and wonderfully made daughter of God. When I receive the newsletter, I become ecstatic because I enjoy reading and learning about the Word. Prison is such a dark, lonely and depressing place, but with God's light it brightens up my darkest days. Thank you for being faithful servants. Sending love and prayers your way." - J.C.

"I am addressing all of you at Overcomers for Christ, it has been a very long time since I've written and no excuses for that. I can't tell you how grateful I am for all of you and the hard work and love you do and give for us all in here. Every month without question, I receive your newsletter and every time I read it I find something that speaks to me, "God's Spirit", and I feel at peace." - D.M.

"This letter is to everyone at O+C. I send you ALL my love, prayers and ask the Creator to continue to bless all of you and to keep you in His hands." - R.G.

"I love you all. God bless my earthly and spiritual family, Overcomers for Christ. *'The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.'* (Numbers 6:24-26)" - J.S.

"I just read through this August issue of the newsletter. I love the teaching on "Sanctification, the next Step". Sanctification meaning, set apart from this world. We are told to be holy as He is holy. I know that I am not holy in this world, but in God's eyes I am holy by the death of Yeshua on the cross. I'd also like to thank all of you for the time you take out of your own lives to think about and pray for all of us here that are incarcerated" - R.S.

"I am a Christian brother that's doing a 25.5 year sentence for murder, attempted murder and armed robbery. It's been a long journey and I have a little over 16 years to finish this sentence. I would love to start receiving your correspondence letters, your monthly newsletter, a church to be with and I chose you. I've come a long way from drug addiction, alcohol and women. I have been sober for 2 years now, thanks to God and me finding your newsletters. I thank you for your stories and know that God is with you all." - J.C

"I hope this letter finds you all doing well in spite of all the confusion in the world these days. It appears that the 'birth pains' are getting closer together and more intense, the Lord is on His way! Thank you for all that you do for the kingdom with everyone here on the inside, we will all be in glory soon!" - R.W.

"I recently read one of your Overcomers for Christ newsletters and it sparked my interest. My inquiry is a request to have my name added to your mailing list and, if possible, begin to have an individual correspondence with someone there. May God bless you all and give each of you daily guidance." - I.S.

"Please accept this tithe to help further the kingdom work you all are doing." - R.H.

"Hello brothers and sisters at the O+C! Fire season has been rocking but just kind of slowed down a little. I'm sending my tithe for 2 months at once. I've got a question. So, I know that God is supposed to get the first fruits of our labor, right? My heart is always in the right place but sometimes I don't get a chance to send my tithe before I spend a little. It's mainly due to the whole process we have to go through on this end, at D.O.C. This last month I didn't even get the chance to see what I was paid. I've since seen and that's why I'm sending both months together. Again, I do believe that God knows my heart. He will always get His 10%." - B.A.

"Beloved family! I really want to thank you all for printing my writing of Perfection in our July edition of the Overcomers for Christ newsletter. As I started reading I thought, 'Hey man, this piece sounds familiar.' Then I realized it was the piece I was inspired to write. I felt so joyful to see that you all recognized my writing, enough to put it in our newsletter. What a gift and an honor. I thank you all from deep within my spirit." - D.L.

"Overcomers for Christ. I just wanted to send a little note along with this handmade card that I put together. It's a little card with a great big THANK YOU for the newsletters that I still enjoy so much. I love the artwork on the inside pages, I enjoy everything about it. Thank you for all of your hard work putting it all together." - K.O.

"In Your Hand"

Psalm 148:5 (NCV), "Let them praise the Lord, because they were created by His command ..."

God wants to use you in so many ways, be it in your daily life or in a specific mission that He sets out for you. God doesn't, however, want you to try and be like someone else in the way that you approach things. You don't have to talk like a famous preacher or lead a Bible study like your friend. You don't have to sing in the band to be influential.

God needs you to be you! He wants you to wear the things that make you who you are in order to do His work. David couldn't wear Solomons armor; he just needed his everyday attire to get the job done. Wear your own shoes to walk into today's tasks and be proud of them.

Pray this prayer with me; 'God, thank You for giving me a specific personality, set of experiences, style, and opportunities that are uniquely mine. Help me to be comfortable with the person that I have become. Help me to use my unique self to accomplish Your will.'



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

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

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Robbing Jesus - Malachi 3:8
By W.R.

As I turned the corner, I could see from afar Jesus
Ministering to a harlot, in front of a bar
It reminded me of Cleveland on a Saturday night,
With the neon signs and flashing lights

There were pimps and gamblers, and stick up men,
And women on the corners selling sin
I ran into Jesus as I neared the next block,
He asked me for a donation, to help feed His flock

I asked Him what He was doing on the Southside,
Then I pulled out my pistol and robbed Him of His tithes
I took His money purse, and the sandals on His feet,
And left Him barefoot out in the street

So I left Jesus standing there barefoot and broke,
And before I left Cleveland I robbed Him of His cloak!

In many ways there's a lot of truth here, despite our situations I decided to combine it with a sense of humor.

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