



Sunday January 24, 2021
Overcoming Part-3: Using The Word

Living victoriously over the flesh, the world, the devil.

Quick review:

We have established that every believer can live an overcoming victorious life over the flesh, the world, and the devil.

Last Sunday we discovered the basis for living a victorious, overcoming life as believers. We stated that we can live overcoming lives because of what Jesus accomplished for us on the Cross and because of the new life we have in Christ.

Today, we will look at one of the important 'tools' we use to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil. This is something God has made available to us and has instructed us to use as we seek to live overcoming, victorious lives. This is the Word of God.

WE OVERCOME WITH THE WORD

1 John 2:14

I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

The apostle John is addressing people in different stages of spiritual maturity. To the 'young men', those who are still growing and maturing, he points out that they have overcome the wicked one, because they are strong, and this strength can be attributed to the fact that the Word of God is abiding in them.

For the Word of God to abide in them implies it has taken up residence, it is alive and continues to live in them, is vibrant, active and extending its influence into every part of their lives.

So an important key to living the overcoming, victorious life is to have the Word of God alive and active in us.

How do we do this? We share 3 simple practices we must maintain through our Christian journey.



#1, FEED YOUR INNER PERSON WITH THE WORD

As believers we must understand that nothing can take the place of our own personal reading (hearing) of God's Word. Nobody else can do this on your behalf. You have to get the Word of God into your own inner person (heart, spirit).

1 Peter 2:2

as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

Acts 20:32

So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

As we feed ourselves, we are nourished and strengthened (1 Peter 2:2) and can walk in what God has given to His people (Acts 20:32).

Spiritual strength comes as we feed on the Word of God.

So make it a practice, part of your daily routine to read the Word of God.

Read your Bible, sequentially, a little every day, chapter by chapter.

Reflect (meditate) on what you read. Try and understand what you are reading and think on how you can apply it to your life.

Additionally, you can listen to the Word, either an audio Bible or to sermons being preached. Our church website has over 15+ years of sermons, and 60+ sermon series available freely. You can download these sermons and keep listening to them.

#2, RENEW YOUR MIND WITH THE WORD

One of the important effects of consistently reading and meditating in the Word of God is that it slowly, steadily and surely changes our thinking. We begin to think aligned to God's ways and God's thoughts. This process is called renewing your mind. As our mind is renewed (i.e. as our thinking changes), our lifestyle (the way we live) changes.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

As our mind is renewed, wrong thinking patterns, wrong ideas and beliefs are dislodged, and replaced with the ways and thoughts of God. Then, instead of being conformed to



the ways of this world, we are able to live according to the ways of God. Our lifestyle is transformed.

#3, SPEAK THE WORD

God instructs us to speak His Word. He instructs us to speak God's Word as a weapon against the enemy.

In Ephesians 6: 17 we are instructed:

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

Jesus demonstrated for us how to use the sword of the Spirit.

In the temptation of Jesus recorded for us in Matthew 4, each time, Jesus was tempted, He responded saying 'it is written'. He spoke the Word against satan. He used the same weapon that God has given to us, to resist the devil.

This seems so simple, and yet it is so powerful. We overcome the enemy, as we speak the Word of in response to a temptation, an attack of some kind, a wrong thought that may impinge on our minds, etc.

Sum up.

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives

MINISTRY TIME

Call team up : Jacob Mathew, Jean George, Jeyakumar Isaiah, Selina Macwana, Roshan Jonas



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 John 2:14; Acts 20:32; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 6:17*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) Discuss how the Word of God enables us to live overcoming, victorious lives, in the light of the three insights shared in this sermon. How does practicing each of these below, enable us to overcome:

A) Feed on the Word

B) Renew your mind with the Word

C) Speak the Word



2) We live in a busy world with so many demands on our time. Share with each other practical ways which you use to spend time in the Word, either reading the Word or listening to the Word of God.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>