

OVERCOMING--WHAT IS THE SECRET?

Dear friends,

I have an URGENT prayer request, I ask that you pray with me to overcome a particular sin which easily besets me.

Dear ___;

Remember that we ourselves cannot overcome sin--BUT Jesus has already overcome it for you. The secret is in making the positive CHOICE-- Admitting that YOU yourself are helpless to overcome and then casting yourself on Jesus -- The cry 'Jesus Save me!' will never be overlooked.

Grab on to the mighty arm of omnipotence with your feeble faith- Crying "Lord I Believe--help Thou mine Unbelief" and He will hold you by His mighty arm with a grip that nothing can break! FAITH is the victory--notice it is not that faith BRINGS the victory-- FAITH IS the victory.

Satan is a defeated foe--but his power lies in getting us to try and fight him ourselves--WE do not have to fight -- all we have to do is CHOOSE and SURRENDER to JESUS-- He already conquered sin and Satan. This passage below is the powerhouse for the victorious life-- read it over and over- print it out and carry it with you and I'll put some promises below as well. REMEMBER-that when God speaks--It Is DONE!! He does not have to do anything to make it happen-- the POWER is in His WORD! The Bible IS HIS WORD! and when you take hold of a promise by faith-- that promise already is! When God says "Thou shalt not" THAT is a promise- - it has the power in it to make it so already when we receive it by faith.

MAKE the positive choice when temptation comes-- say within yourself "NO!!! I WILL NOT HAVE THIS TO RULE OVER ME!" Jesus - send it away!! I Choose YOU!! Then act on your choice-- get away from the temptation--and focus the mind heavenward. Satan can not force anyone to sin-- when we sin we are making the choice to sin-- SO the secret is take hold of Jesus and make the determined choice NOT to sin and JESUS will empower that choice!!

"Many are inquiring, "How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?" You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to

exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the

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Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. {SC 47.1}

"Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians. {SC 47.2}

"Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." {SC 48.1}

Take every promise as written for YOU PERSONALLY-- because it was!!

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of this glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty. Jude 24, 25a

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7
Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

Put your name in the promises! Jesus died for YOU -- He will never fail to give the victory to you-- remember He does not 'HELP" you He provides all the power--and you provide the choice and act on the choice--like the man at the pool--Jesus did not help Him to walk--and if the man had not acted by faith on Jesus' WORD- he never would have walked. Jesus said walk- the man CHOSE to believe and act and he walked!

Isa 41:10 "Fear thou not (put your own name here); for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee (put your own name here); yea, I will help thee (put your own name here); yea, I will uphold thee (put your own name here) with the right hand of My righteousness."

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

The POWER is in the WORD-- FEAST on it often and take it as your own--You do not have to persuade Jesus to give you the victory-- He ALREADY has-- just make the positive choice and reach out and take it!! Write promises and carry them with you to read whenever you have a moment in your busy life--Take the WORD of Bible AND SOP as YOURS -- written to YOU-- and receive with gladness what Jesus has given you. The inspired writings are our power-The mighty WORD of GOD--if you do not eat them often and much--you grow feeble.

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God Bless!
I have prayed for you and will do so.
Faith IS the Victory!

Response:

OH, THIS IS AWESOME!!!

I thank you, thank you! Faith is the victory! This reminds me of the words of a song that says "Faith is the victory, that overcomes the world".

I cant begin to tell you what a blessing your sharing brought to me! I woke up again between 2 and 3am, and reviewed what you were bringing to my attention.

Faith! Claiming the promises in God's word! I was led to Luke 21:31-32, I claimed Jesus' prayer for Peter, and used my name and Oh! How beautiful were the words! Christ praying for my faith to fail not!

I intend to continue with this new approach to prayer and I'm grateful to have your support and prayer!

Before your response I was really weighed down by the burden of trying to rid myself of sin, especially now just before the close of probation. I was so depressed, it was even affecting my health.

But, thanks be to God our Father and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His great love in giving us Jesus. And people like you, who heaven can use to cheer a weary traveler on the christian journey.

May God richly bless you!!!