



They Overcame

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony”(Rev.12:11).
Remembering words and testimonies of some who have gone before us:

Bro. T. V. McMillan: “Lord, what good do you want to get to me from this?”

Bro. Mart Samons: “Steady as you go.”

Bro. Fred Pruitt: (97 years ago) “As we put the first *Faith and Victory* paper in the mail, we keenly realized our weakness, and inabilities. . .and consoled our hearts by leaving all in His hands.”

Bro. Murphy Allen advised having family altar, prayer, Bible reading, all at the family dinner table.

Back in the day, **Bro. Pinkerton** used to ask my brother to drive him, in a “big ole '55 Chevy”, across Hwy. 10 to Angola, LA State Penitentiary, to visit inmates on Death Row.

Bro. Wayne Miller asked, “What's that bell ringing?”(at Campmeeting time) He took his family and they were saved.

I remember hearing **Sis. Ruth Murphy** preaching “. . . yet will I be to them a little sanctuary” (Eze. 11:16).

Sis. Armilda Abbott: “Oh, yes, praise the Lord, there's a *Higher Power!*”

Sis. Marie Miles: “Ditch the thought before it ditches you!”

Bro. Louis Kimble: “I'll keep hold – *holding on to Jesus* . . .”

Bro. Willie Murphey: “They're perishing now, Go, pay them the debt that we owe them. . .” ELS# 337

Bro. Hershel Hargraves: “And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people . . and when he opened it, all the people *stood up*”(Nem. 8:5).

Bro. Ostis Wilson: “. . .winding about, still upward.” & “And all the saints robes were of one size – *small.*”

Bro. Leslie Busbee: “And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof” (II Kings 2:12).

Sis. Lottie Joiner (Porter): “The Lord has laid this heavy on my heart. I love the children of God. They are my people, and I mean to stay with them while here and be with them in eternity. Dear ones, I believe we all can improve and be *more Christ-like* as we travel on to the Judgment. That is why I am writing this way. *I want to see the church shining in more of it's beauty and see more power in each precious life.* The only way this will come about is for us to *let go of this life of ours* and lose it, then we shall find more of the life of Christ, which is a life filled with victory, love, and power.”

George Muller (of Bristol, England) said his success was “one day I died to George Muller, utterly died to his opinions – preferences – tastes and will, died to the world, it's approval and censure – died to the approval or blame of my brethren and friends. *Since then I have studied to shew myself 'approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed' (II Tim.2:15). Honor, pleasure, money, my physical powers, my mental powers, I laid all down at the feet of Jesus and became a great lover of the Word of God. I found my all in God.*”

Don't play with your salvation! Every sacrifice made is worth it to draw close to the Lord.

Gifts Part I

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God has a place in His body for every single member, for every particular individual, every one! We're members one of another, not just independent members. We have relationship with one another and to God. It is less than God's plan if it's less than the Holy Ghost. The same one Holy Ghost bestowed all the different gifts. We are possessed by the same Holy Ghost, not different – all the same One. The mystery of the New Testament Church – “thy will be done in earth” – men and women doing what angels used to do. Every member of the church has a part in this! That's when it will go over with power and authority – when everyone is in it. I believe He will do it by the people of God.

“I hope to reduce some people's opinion of themselves, and to increase the opinion of others.”
Sometime good people panic when they see compromise and extreme. Let's not resort to one extreme
to counter another extreme!

God definitely can get along without me, but I cannot get along without Him. Now success depends on one another. There's great power in two – far more power. (Two can put 10,000 to flight) This is the secret how God wants us to hinge together. How can work be done unless the entire / whole body is in good shape? Strong arms while the back is very weak? Knees? Nerves greatly overtaxed? The body is greatly limited to exercise special gifts unless confident of one another. Gifts are intended to convince the church that God has mighty power. Gifts are given to profit all. The gift of faith is to build all of us to have faith in God.

Prophecy brings you to a condition where other gifts can help you. God brings forth sound judgment, breaks up fallow ground, and melts hearts!

One who's gifted of God must be in God's hands as God wants to use him. The church reaches a high spiritual level when the church measures up. It begins to ring out to a lost world. The gifts go forth like hail and fire to sweep away the refuge of lies. Then God begins to use you. “All of you bear burdens together. Why? As far as I am concerned, it's US all the way through.” For gifts of the Spirit to be exercised to the full, there needs to be confidence.

If through circumstances you are cut off / isolated, God will pastor you.

Trust, Trust, & Trust

It does not matter if I am floundering in uncertainty, suffering mentally. All that matters is that GOD TRIUMPHS & GETS HIS WAY. So, when in times as described, don't try to figure it out but cry, beg and plead before His throne and trust, trust, and trust. Let Him work it all out! If in the end He wins, my struggling in uncertainty in the process of all getting worked out matters not! He must win.

I don't need to fear even MY lack of understanding or performance. In JESUS' hands, my wrong side out, upside down, backwards efforts, given in sincerity to Him, can still be blessed, broken, and multiplied to MORE than meet the needs of the multitude before me.

Without Him, we cannot win; with Him, we cannot lose! He perfects the “work of His own hands.”

If the little boy who had loaves and fishes would have had a five course meal fit for a king, it still would not have been enough without Jesus! WHAT we hand Jesus doesn't matter; that we hand HIM whatever we have does. - CDR

SALT & LIGHT

They both change their environment. Are you changing your environment, or is your environment Changing You?