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Text: 1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4** NLT For every child of God defeats this evil world, and **we achieve this victory through our faith.**

Introduction: Many believers are defeated by their daily struggles. Some live as victims when God has made us victorious. Today we will Activate Faith to Conquer Daily Struggles:

- 1. Activate faith in the Power of God
- 2. Define each struggle and destroy it through Faith
- 3. Walk in True Authority not appearance
- 1. Activate faith in the Power of God
 - A. Engage your faith in God's Power
- 1 Corinthians 2:3 NKJV I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.
 - B. Believe that God performs His Word regardless of the circumstances!
- Romans 4:19-21 NKJV And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform."
 - This faith is in right standing with God

Genesis 15:6 Abraham believed the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness."

- C. Speak that God's Word is being performed!
- **2 Corinthians 4:13** We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
- 2. Define each struggle and destroy it through Faith
 - A. Resist the enemy steadfast in faith and he will flee!
- **James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** ⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded
 - B. Know that every believer faces the similar battles in life.
- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. ¹⁰ But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
 - C. Be specific as to the opposition you encounter!
 - Don't worry about other's, Run Your Race!
 - Don't waste your energy on empty struggles!
- 1 Corinthians 9:26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
 - D. Know the knowledge of God that is being attacked!
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."
 - Identify, Locate and Eradicate!

Strongholds like fear, doubt, confusion, etc., are destroyed when we speak God's Word, obey God's Word, submit our thoughts to Christ, and act in bold faith!

- 3. Walk in True Authority not appearance
 - Victory is not about how things appear but "Who we are in Christ!"
 - In the Name of Jesus! Demand that which is fully paid for and due now

- **John 14:13** *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.* ¹⁴ *If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.*
- "To ask" is in the sense of a conquering soldier demanding the surrender of the defeated soldier
- "To ask" going to a bank and giving a demand note "a check" to be exchanged for cash for the money that belongs to you
- **Luke 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. ²⁴ Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
- 2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.
- **Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Today:

- 1. Identify one area that is making you a victim. A stronghold, addiction, lie etc. It is exalting itself against, "Who you are in Christ!"
- 2. Speak the Word of God that absolutely establishes truth relational to the lie. Declare it daily until you have the lie conquered. Remember John 8:31-32 *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;* ³² *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*
- 3. Act in obedience to God's Word even when it seems hard or against the popular opinion.

You are in covenant with God!

- **Matthew 26:26 NKJV** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, ^[e] blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the ^[d] new covenant, which is shed for many for the ^[e] remission of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."
- 1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew (announce or preach publicly in defiance of persecution) the Lord's death till he come.

Worship God with your first-fruits, tithes, and sacrifices:

Isaac acts in faith in the middle of a catastrophic famine. It is your time to act in obedience through faith regardless of your circumstances.

- Genesis 26:1 There was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines, in Gerar. ² Then the Lord appeared to him and said: "Do not go down to Egypt; (Abraham fled to Egypt during the last famine in Gen 12:10) live in the land of which I shall tell you. ³ Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father. ⁴ And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; ⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws." ⁶ So Isaac dwelt in Gerar. (The men went to take Rebecca into the harem of women until the truth was known) ¹² Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him. ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; ¹⁴ for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him.
- **2 Corinthians 9:6** But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: ⁹ (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever. ¹⁰ Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)