

AN OVERCOMER IN THE GALLERIES 100

I JOHN 5:4

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I JOHN 5:5

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

HOW. CAN. I. OVERCOME_ JEFF. IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M

71 If the little baby keeps trying, "Oh, I can do it. I can do it. " And he's just everywhere. He can't do it. Neither can you, neither can I,

but if we'll just hold still and let Him do it. Just yield to Him, "Here, Lord, here I am. Just--just let me be nothing. I--I yield. You put my hand in the right place. " That's the victory. That's overcoming.

72 The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your idea, your thing, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.

I PETER 2:11

11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, *ABSTAIN from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

ABSTAIN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 567

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apechomai {ap-ekh'-om-ahee}

to hold one's self off, refrain, abstain

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1149-30 How can I take a cocklebur and make a grain of wheat out of it? It's impossible for me to do it.

The only way it can be is because inside that cocklebur has been transmitted from a cocklebur wheat--a cocklebur to a germ called "wheat life. " Then you bury that cocklebur, and it'll produce a grain of wheat (That's right. See?), because there has been a life of wheat put in the cocklebur. And the life of the cocklebur has been taken out; but the nature of the cocklebur is still sticky (See?), and it will be until this new life has fully been developed out of the ground and raised up again.

When it comes forth, then it's no more cocklebur, but wheat--but wheat. But while it's here on earth and the--in the--out of the earth. . . And a cocklebur, it's still sticky, but it's got the nature on the inside of it of wheat.

And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you're borned again.

And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin is gone from you. See? That's--that's the thing.

ROMANS 6:12

12 Let not sin therefore *REIGN in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

REIGN: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 936

basileuo {bas-il-yoo'-o}

to be king, to exercise kingly power, to exercise the highest influence, to control

ROMANS 6:13

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

EPHESIANS 4:26

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

EPHESIANS 4:27

27 Neither give *PLACE to the devil.

PLACE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5117

topos {top'-os}

room, licence, any portion or space marked off, opportunity, power, occasion for acting

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS_ HOUSTON. TX SUNDAY_ 50-0115

E-17 we must all come in one way: that's come, knowing that we are nothing and He's all; and being willing to surrender ourselves to Him in order to receive benefits from Him.

If you ever get anything from God,

you have to humble yourself and become nothing before Him, and know nothing, but one purpose; that is, you're trying to find Jesus. Then when you humble yourself down, God will exalt. But when you exalt yourself, God will see that you are brought to abase. That's right. He said so in His Word.

THE. DOOR. TO. THE. HEART_ CHICAGO. IL SUNDAY_ 58-0112E

E-13 And then there's another little door. It's called the door to selfishness. Oh, how we like to guard that little door with a padlock. "I'll go down if there's anything in it for me,

or if it's for me and my church, or for me and my denomination. I'll be willing to go if I get anything out of it. " That's selfish. You ought to open that door and let Jesus come in. Oh, it's an important door.

Now, I don't mean to be rude, but I only mean to be honest. And then there's a little door that's found in the heart of both men and women; it's a little door of pride. And in that you'll say, "Come in, Lord. I'll join your church,

and I'll--I'll pay my tithings. I'll help by the widow some coal, buy the orphan some food or some clothes. But I just don't want to surrender my pride. I think I'm just a little bit better than so-and-so. " Jesus can't be Ruler then of your being.

JESUS. CHRIST. THE. SAME. YESTERDAY. TODAY. AND. FOREVER_ MIDDLETOWN. OH
SUNDAY_ 58-0323

E-41 And if He is the same, then we should sell out, surrender everything to Him: our motives, our objectives, our wills to Him.

CONFERENCES_ PHOENIX. AZ SUNDAY_ 60-0228

E-19 There's only two ways to do anything; that's right and wrong. That's your way and God's way. Your way is always wrong.

Moses found out that his way didn't work. And as Moses learned the hard way, so have I learned it that way. No doubt, but many of the people here tonight, setting here, or standing here, has learned it the same way.

It's a hard way. It's best to surrender your will to God's will and hold a conference with Him.

EL. SHADDAI_ YAKIMA. WA TUESDAY_ 60-0802

E-14 When you come to total obedience, then you can have possession. But until you totally obey. You've got to completely surrender your own thoughts, your own will, your own mind,

and let the mind of Christ operate in you. Now, do you think Christ would--the mind of Christ, in you, would say, "The days of miracles is past"? Do you think the mind of Christ, in you, would say, "The Bible's right in some places and not in others"?

The mind of Christ would sanction every word that Christ ever said. It's right. So if you don't use your own mind, just use His mind.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119

56 The important thing, one of the important things that we must master. . . Now, remember this, and especially you young preachers, and lay members alike.

There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life; that is, we have to master the thought of human ability. If we ever get to a spot where we think that we can do it with our own intelligence and our own abilities,

we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the thing and lay it aside so that God can use us. That's right.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119

57 And make a complete surrender. We cannot use one ability. We've got to make a complete surrender. And to come to God, you've got to surrender to Him both soul, body, and spirit.

Everything that you are has to be surrendered to God in order that He can work His will in you and in me.

Now, that's hard; I know; 'cause we're always wanting to put our part in, something that we know, you know, that we want to do it.

We say, "Well, I--I just know it should be done this way. " But as long as you're doing it that way it's going to be wrong, and God will never use that effort.

Maybe with the help of the Lord we're going to get into that in a few minutes and just show you how God cannot use your ability.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119

67 it'll never be until every person that professes to be a Christian will forget his own ability and yield himself to God. Then God can achieve His purpose by sending,

not a revival, but, brother, what He needs to do first is send a killing (That's right.) so we can revive. You have to die before

you can be born again, and you have to. . . He needs a killing of ourselves. This Tabernacle needs a killing, and me with it.

All of us, we need a killing so that we can be revived in a new life, a new hold, a new hope, a new experience. We need first a day of mourning.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119
69 So we--we got to get away from that, that human ability. We got to get to a place where we can surrender our souls and lives, even to the housewife, to the farmer,

to the mechanic, or whoever we are, we got to surrender completely to God and know that "we are nothing. " Then let God start from there. Then He starts moving, working. And that includes all of us, everyone. That's the--the thing that we got to do.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119
73 But the thing of it is, is having nothing that you can depend on in your own self or anything that you can do, just a complete,

total surrender of your weaknesses unto God, and say, "Here I am. " Have nothing, no ability that you can trust in.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119
153 God cannot use our natural abilities. We've got to get ourselves and our abilities out of the way and surrender to the will and power of God.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119
155 Say, "Well, brother, I can preach. " He can't use that as long as you can preach. "That's all right. I can do this. I can do that. " You can't do nothing.

Well, then God can't use it. But if you'll yield yourself to God and let Him do it.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know. I'm a teacher. " Well, as long as you're the teacher, why, He won't get very far. But the Holy Spirit is our Teacher. Sure It is.

PERFECT. STRENGTH. BY. PERFECT. WEAKNESS_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_ 61-1119
319 And there Jesus had been stood against the evil, stood against those organizations, stood against those Pharisees;

and become weak and submitted Himself unto death, and died like a sinner on the Cross, bearing our sins.

CHRISTIANITY. VERSUS. IDOLATRY_ JEFF. IN V-8 N-2 SUNDAY_ 61-1217
188 We, in His image, a living image of a living God. What does you. . . When you surrender yourself to God, and God comes into you, what does it make you? A living image of God.

Not a dead statue set in the corner, not a denomination up in the headquarters at Washington in the--in the--in the Confederation of Churches. Huh-uh, no, that's a dead statue--a dead statue and a dead creed. But a living image, an individual. . .

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717

98 Oh, tonight, if we, as the Branham Tabernacle, could only become prisoners; to our own selfish being, to our own ambition, that we could completely surrender ourself and be yoked to Him,

no matter what the rest the world thinks, what the rest the world does. We're yoked with fetters of love. We are prisoners.

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717

114 A man has to surrender every ambition he's got, everything that he is, every--every thing, his life, soul, body, will, ambitions, and everything else,

and become a complete, a prisoner to Christ, Who is the Word, to serve God.

115 You might have to walk contrary, in your better judgment. Maybe, in a certain organization, you might think that they could

lift you up and give you something great, that you might flash.
But what do you find yourself?

You find yourself defeated, after while, until God can get a man
that's willing to become a prisoner to Him.

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717

196 Heavenly Father, as the song continues to play, I thought
it most profitable at this time, that I--I'd break in on the song
and talk to You just a moment.

As the people are thinking, "I surrender all," Father, may we do
this, with like that this is our last opportunity to do it. Let us
come with sincerity,

come unto the table of the Lord, as it was, with washed
garments, washed souls, washed wills, washed ambitions, to
surrender ourselves.

ONCE. MORE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0804A

46 you've got to surrender soul, body, spirit, strength,
everything you are, to the will of God, become a prisoner to Him.
You're going to be somebody's prisoner. You don't belong to
yourself.

You are somebody's prisoner. You're either a prisoner of the
devil, knowing this Truth and won't surrender to it, or a prisoner
to--to the world, and surrender to God, one or the other.

You're either the devil's prisoner, to sin, or you're God's prisoner,
to righteousness. You're one or the other.

CALLING. JESUS. ON. THE. SCENE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-8 SUNDAY_ 63-0804E

101 Notice, let us remember, He also created our bodies. And
won't our bodies have to obey Him? Amen. You surrender your
thoughts to Him, surrender your life to Him,

surrender your faith to Him, and watch that body obey what He
says. If you're a drunkard and you can't--can't quit drinking,

surrender that life to Him and, watch, you'll drink no more. If you are a habitual smoker,

and tried to give it up and can't do it, just surrender that to Him and watch what happens. He'll make that body come back in subjection to the Word. Yes, sir. But you've got to surrender it to Him. You've got to believe Him. He made our bodies;

they obey His will also. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen. "--Ed.] If you're a Christian, you have to.

CALLING. JESUS. ON. THE. SCENE_ CHICAGO. IL V-21 N-8 SUNDAY_ 63-0804E
102 You say, "He makes our bodies obey? Oh, I believe we have jurisdiction over that. " Then you're--you're not fully surrendered.

103 For, you're not your own; you are dead. "You yourself are dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost. "

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303
E-33 Let's go over to the Revelation. Jesus said Himself, "He that overcometh, I will give him the morning star. " The Bible said that. What is it? A overcomer,

one that's overcome the world, overcome self, overcome pride. "I'll make him the morning star. " What does it do? "I'll shine him up and set him up there that I can. . . by My oncoming power will reflect My own Presence (Hallelujah.) in the darkness.

He that overcomes, will I give the morning star. " What's the morning star set there for? To reflect the sun coming. What is the morning star? Is the sun shining against it, reflecting the presence of the coming of the sun.

It's the brightest thing in heaven. The brightest thing in heaven ought to be today, and is today, the minister, or the Christian, or

the Spirit filled man that's so filled with the Holy Spirit till he's forsaken the world and everything.

And God is reflecting His light, coming through him, warning the world that the approaching S-o-n is at hand. Oh, what hour. .

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303

E-38 I pray, Father, that You'll let every one of us be overcomers tonight, overcomers of unbelief, overcomers of anything within ourself, that we might overcome ourselves that Christ might live in us.

FORMER. AND. LATTER. RAIN_ PHOENIX. AZ THURSDAY_ 60-0303

E-46 "He that'll overcome (overcome himself, overcome his own thoughts, overcome the world, overcome all things), then I'll give him the morning star to reflect the light. " What light? The light of the approaching Son.

A. HIDDEN. LIFE. IN. CHRIST_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA THURSDAY_ 55-1110

E-46 People today is afraid. What you afraid of? Why, even death itself don't scare a Christian. "Death, where is thy sting?" The very thoughts of people is scared.

"Oh, Brother Branham, the doctor told me I just can't get well. " What are you scared of? There's an atonement laying for you yonder. Sure. "Well Brother Branham, I've done so much sins. I've. . . " What are you scared of?

There's an atonement waiting for you. There's Someone Who loves you. Don't be scared.

You got to come into Christ first, live in His Presence. The Bible said that, "He that overcometh, I'll give him a new name. I'll put My Spirit in him. " Watch, there's an overcoming, first. You've got to overcome these things in order to be in Christ.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-23 Now, faith is a conqueror; faith is an overcomer. It just isn't a--a peace maker, it overcomes. Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. What does it do? What is faith?

What is the conqueror? Conquer and victory is the same. To conquer, it means to beat down, to override, to handcuff, to throw into prisons. It means that the sin, that once ruled you, you rule it now. It means that you have overcome it,

you are--you've whipped it. You're greater than it is. Oh, I feel religious, right now.

Which was first, a sinner or a Saviour? A Saviour, for a Saviour is more powerful than a sin. Which was first, the Healer or a sickness? It couldn't be a Healer,

'less it was over the sickness. It is a Healer; it could conquer the sickness. And faith is the victory that overcomes every curse of the devil. Faith is the victory.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-24 Faith in what? Not faith in your church, not faith in your creed, not faith in some man, but faith in Jesus Christ Who made the promise. That's the victory. What is it? It is the victory.

Say, "My arm's still crippled. " But faith is the victory. "I still feel sick. " but faith is the victory. Oh, it overcomes the world. When you can climb into God by prayer, until you seen the thing conquered under you.

There is nothing that can hurt you then. You've overcome. You got fifty miles of elbow room. You're sailing free then. You, who've been a drunkard and a slave to whiskey, you'll be the master over him then.

That old devil of alcohol that made you drink, he's your master now, but when you get faith, I don't mean make-belief, real faith, he's your servant then.

You who can't lay down tobacco, you women and men, when it comes to a place to where you can get to that spot, to where you have overcome it by faith, you'll master it then.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-25 A little woman, that's setting present now, she has been at this altar time after time, after time. A good woman, but she started smoking a long time ago, and she just couldn't overcome it.

And she'd come up, and I would pray with her, and seem like, she just couldn't overcome it. And the--the first thing you know, I told her here; I said, "There'll be danger down the road. " She said, "Well, Brother Branham, I have cried;

I have begged. " You see, just emotional, fighting the air. That won't do any good. And I'd get down and pray with her, and lay hands on her,

and she'd go back and in a few days I'd meet her again, just knock you down with cigarette smoke, hands still brown. And one night, down yonder, she went to a doctor, begin to get sick and wither away,

till just a little spindly thing, and the doctor looked into her and he said, "Cancer, smoking cigarettes. . . " There she was laying there to die. Then she got down to business.

FAITH. IS. OUR. VICTORY_ JEFF. IN SATURDAY_ 58-1004

E-27 And Brother Roberson's back there, and Mr. Wood's here, Brother Wood setting here somewhere, and I were going down hunting, I believe, somewhere in the truck.

And the Holy Spirit seemed to move us to go way to the Knobs to where she was. And when I got there, she'd had a dream, and when the Holy Spirit came into the room, and she got down to real business, she never smoked a cigarette from then on,

and she's gained many pounds of weight, and they can't find a trace of the cancer. What is it? It's faith that overcome. Why didn't it overcome when I was praying for her here? She just fluttering around. But when the doctor says,

"You've cancer, and going to die. " She got to business. That's the way it has to get.

When you get to business, why wait that long? Why not get down to business now? Put your faith in God. What if the woman had had her faith in me?

It'd failed, 'cause I'm a man. But when she changed her faith, not in the Branham Tabernacle, or in William Branham, or in anyone else, but placed her faith in Jesus Christ, then she got faith.

She raised up above all the fears and doubts, and God healed her. And oh, she overcome. Faith is the victory that overcomes.

THE. TIME. OF. DECISION_ CHICAGO. IL THURSDAY_ 59-0611

E-11 And the time had come for Abraham, the great patriarch and servant of God, to make a decision. And this decision was, that he was to decide just on who his son, Isaac,

that he'd waited twenty-five years for, and had received him as one from the dead, and knowed that he was a called and separated messenger of God. . . And there was a time come when he had to make the decision:

Who would be his helpmate to carry on the plan of God?

You see, God don't make all of our decisions. And there's many times that God doesn't tell His prophets just what to do, because they have to make the decision.

If there is no decision that we have to make, just wait every move on God, then there is no overcoming on our part. And sometimes, they make the wrong decision. God's anointed

prophets makes the wrong decisions, and many times are deceived.

HOW. CAN. I. OVERCOME_ JEFF. IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M

105 Overcome means "to recognize the Devil in every one of his tricks. " Lot of people says, "There is no Devil. It's just a thought. " Don't you believe that. There's a real Devil.

He's just as real as you are, anybody. A real Devil, and you must recognize him real. You must know he's a devil. Then, the same time that you--you recognize him, and know that he's a devil and he's against you, then, to overcome,

you must recognize that the God in you is greater and mightier than he is, that the One that's in you has already overcome him. And, by His grace, you are more than a match for him. Amen. There's real overcoming, when you recognize.

ROMANS 8:3

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

ROMANS 8:4

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

ROMANS 8:5

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.