

AN OVERCOMER IN THE GALLERIES 101

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.

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

164 You come, say, "Now, Lord, I've been schooled for forty years now. I'm--I'm an intellectual student. I can quote that Bible with my eyes closed. "

God can't use a bit of that. See? No. "Oh, I belong to the biggest church there is in the country. I--I'm the. . . I'm this, Lord. Oh, I'm a Pentecostal. I. . . Glory to God. I just received the Holy Ghost the other night. Hallelujah.

You're going to make me to do so-and-so. " God can't use a bit of that. No. Whenever you get licked and realize you're licked, and then come on back and humble yourself. Get weak, find out you're human.

And there's none of your intellectuals can do to. . . Human weaknesses will never be used of God; God by the human weaknesses pours Himself into you, then He uses Himself. You just become an instrument. Certainly. You've got to get yourself out of the way.

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.

And all the things that the prophets had said was right there. And Jesus, dying, holding that Word, submitted Himself. God, Emmanuel, become so weak that He submitted Himself to the death, and to the grave, and His soul to hell.

Weakness. . . But out of that complete surrender came forth on that Easter morning, winding Its way from the lowest. He was the Highest and become the Lowest.

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.

ROMANS 8:6

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

ROMANS 8:7

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

ROMANS 8:8

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

ROMANS 8:9

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

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.

ROMANS 8:12

12 Therefore, brethren, we are *DEBTORS, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

DEBTORS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3781

opheiletes {of-i-let'-ace}

one who owes another, a debtor, one held by some obligation, bound by some duty

ROMANS 8:13

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do *MORTIFY the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

MORTIFY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2289

thanatoo {than-at-o'-o} AV -- put to death (4)

cause to be put to death, kill, to put to death, to make to die

ROMANS 8:22

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

ROMANS 8:23

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

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. "

GALATIANS 5:16

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

GALATIANS 5:17

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

THE. EVER. PRESENT. WATER. FROM. THE. ROCK_ JEFF. IN V-14 N-6 SUNDAY_ 61-0723M

152 When you are saved, God gives you faith to rise from the muck of the earth. Your faith overcomes the things of the world.
What is your faith?

Your faith is that act that God has did in you to make you a son of God. You quit your lying, you quit your stealing, you quit your drinking, because your faith rises you up above it.
Amen. If you don't do it, you don't have any faith.

"And by faith are you saved, and that through grace. "
As much as your faith will be released, that's how much power you can have, because in you dwells the power to make heavens and earth. God dwells in you, and you are sons and daughters of God. Amen.

There you are. But it's your faith. Jesus said, "According to your faith, be it unto you. If thou canst believe, all things are possible. Verily, I say unto you, if you say unto this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt, but believe that what you have said. "

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 to 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.

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.

THE. WORD. BECAME. FLESH. INDIA. TRIP. REPORT_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_ 54-1003M

108 I want to ask the church one more thing before we get some place to study in the Scriptures: that is, that you'll pray for me. I've developed a critical spirit,

and it haunts at me. I told my wife yesterday, the first time. Something happened now, that I was sitting in the yard, and I told her. She had reminded me, and I told her about it. I said,
"Honey,

I've got to a place till I'm become critical of people. " I don't want to be. . . Who--whose job is it? It's not mine. And God's the One to criticize, not me.

THE. WORD. BECAME. FLESH. INDIA. TRIP. REPORT_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_ 54-1003M

122 So you help me, as I stand here with my hand up at the pulpit, help me to criticize nobody. And help me that God will give me a spirit in my heart,

that instead of criticizing it, I will love them anyhow, and go on. It's just been a constant grind, and a grind, and a grind. Till I'm just human. My mental powers are breaking like that. You see?
And I've got to get away for some rest.

And that's what I'm going away for I to stay by myself to pray that God will take that critical feeling away from me, and mellow me down, till. . . I could go and act like it, but that wouldn't come from my heart. And I'd be a hypocrite then,

sure enough. See? I want it to come from my heart, that I really have love for those who are not lovely. That Jesus did. When I was critical, when I needed to be criticized, and still, He still loves me anyhow. So that's the way I want to be. You pray for me.

GOD. BEING. MISUNDERSTOOD_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-0723E
604-Q-137 137. Brother Branham, I am saved and have been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, but how do I get away from a stubborn spirit that I can't seem to break away from?

Well, my Christian brother or sister, whoever it may be, now, most times when you find people that's got stubborn spirits, it's usually a complex that causes this, either they have inherited it from a mother, father, uncle, aunt, or grandmother,

grandfather, somebody like that. And if you'll chase back down through your life, you'll find. . . Now, I've taken it by experience under discernment, because I have met cases on the platform, thousands of those that had that spirit.

And the first thing you know, I'd chase that spirit right back by discernment and find that there was a granddaddy, there was a grandmother, there was somebody else back down there, and you inherit that by nature.

GOD. BEING. MISUNDERSTOOD_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 61-0723E
605-47 Stubborn--stubbornness is not of God. And now, the only way to get away from that is you have to have faith to overcome that, that's if you are a Christian.

You are a son or daughter of God, whichever you may be, and you will never be able just to stand and rebuke it and rebuke it and rebuke it. It's just like tantalizing a rattlesnake; he's laying there ready to bite you.

If you will just ignore him and walk away from him, he can't hurt you. See? So when you feel that you got a stubborn spirit, lay the thing on the altar, and believe God that the thing is dead and you will never have it no more,

and go on and don't even pay any attention to it no more, and the thing will leave you. Resist the devil and he will flee from you; that's "get away quickly. "

So that would be my advice how to overcome it. We overcome the devil by faith. That's what we overcome all evil, is by faith.

I SAMUEL 15:23

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

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

1158-Q-387 387. Brother Branham, please explain how a person knows if he is thinking his own thoughts, or if the devil is placing thoughts in his mind to make him think wrong,

especially, if you know you do not want to think them. Then, if it's contrary to the Word, it's the devil's thinking. If it's with the Word, it's God thinking.

If it's the wrong thoughts, it's the devil. If it's good thoughts of the Word and of God, it's God's thinking.

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

1159-Q-388 388. If the case may be that the devil is placing thoughts in your mind about a certain thing, how may it be overcome or got rid of?

Take the very vice versa from it. If the devil makes you think that--that--that you are. . . If you know you're a Christian, and he tries to make you think you're not a Christian, just take the versa, say, "I am a Christian. "

As long as your experience matches in God's Word say, "I'm a Christian. " Anything else, the same way. When you answer this, please pray for me to overcome this, as I am not by myself.

God grant your overcoming, ever who you are. May your thoughts just go right back the other side and say, "I am a Christian; I am a believer. Satan, you have no hold on me. " Frankly,

I'm standing right here now saying the same thing, keep from fainting right here at the pulpit. That's right. Four or five times I've almost pitched over on the pulpit. That's the truth. God knows that's right.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 4_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E
1159-Q-389 389. When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this? So--should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever--just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything is an antidote.

You've. . . My old, southern mother used to say, "Hair off the dog back is good for the bite. " And that applies this a-way too.

THE. LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE_ JEFF. IN ROJC 493-550 SUNDAY_ 60-1211E
314 Our heavenly Father, they are the trophies of Your Presence. They know that these Words are true because they are Yours.

They know that they have been given by the Holy Spirit, because they are the Word of God. And they have been convinced that they need You, that they need sweetness of the Holy Spirit in their life to give them overcoming power.

And they will receive power from on high, receive the power to live a Christian life, to receive power to overcome temptation.

FROM. THAT. TIME_ DAWSON. CREEK. BC SATURDAY_ 61-0520

E-80 Today we got the wrong conception of power. Power is overcoming, returning good for evil, that's real power. That can love your enemy, do good to those that do evil to you.

That's real power; that's God power. Yes. Maniacs can break chains. But it takes a real man to return good for evil, from his heart, not because of religious duty, but from his heart.

BALM. IN. GILEAD_ LONG. BEACH. CA SATURDAY_ 61-0218

E-73 inoculation keeps you from the disease. Inoculation of the Holy Spirit gives you power to overcome all the temptations of the world.

Is that right, clergymen? It's your--it's the balm--it's the balm of the inoculation that. . . You say, "I--I tried Brother Branham, but--but I failed. " But you see, it's not what you do; it's what He done for you. It's not what you are;

it's what He is. You believe Him.

Now, let--just come to Him, trust Him as your Physician and let Him inoculate you now from temptations of the. . . Now, you'll be tempted, of course. But a good strong plant don't have to be sprayed.

It's strong and powerful. It's resistance throws off the evil parasites. And that's the way a good strong Christian; he can overcome all temptations, because it overthrows all the things of the world.