

## THE POWER TO OVERCOME

*2 Corinthians 2:14* Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ...

Jesus is our example in all things and, following in His steps, we learn to overcome the wicked one as He did. We observe as we read God's word how Jesus demonstrated to us total reliance upon His Father. Jesus didn't have His own agenda. His one desire was to do the will of God. That is why He came, and that is what He lived for. It was His food and His satisfaction. He said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." *John 4:34*. In the gospels we see Him in fellowship with the Father often, when rising early He went out to pray. It was out of those times spent with His Father that He began His day with the knowledge of God's will. He spoke the words His Father gave Him and did the things He directed Him to do. Through Jesus' obedience, we see faith in action in His life, and discover the secret of His strength.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit and by the word of God, He overcame every attack of the devil. He says to us today, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." *John 16:33*. Jesus, the One who overcame the world, lives His life in us. Today we too can overcome the devil through faith in Him.

The Lord instructs us in *Proverbs 4:23*, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." This scripture shows us that we are the gatekeepers of our hearts. As we obey God His strength becomes our own, for He empowers us with His ability to carry out every command He gives us. In this knowledge we can with confidence fill our hearts with His word and place our trust firmly in Christ.

Fear may seek to slip into our hearts undetected but as we guard our hearts by trusting in God's word, it cannot steal our peace and fill our hearts with anxiety. From our place in Christ and with hearts that are trusting Him, we can be of good cheer. We know that we can not only stand strong and endure in the midst of trials and testing but we will come through them in victory.

As a bright light entering a dark room overcomes the darkness every time, so the truth in our hearts will always dispel the lies of the enemy. We can give God thanks today knowing that whatever the test, He will always lead us in triumph in Christ.

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Journey with Me. See the steps I take and walk in them.

Doubt and confusion will have no place for I illuminate the path before you. Nothing will hinder you or make you afraid, for your confidence is in Me. Any battles along the way, any skirmishes of the enemy will not deter or trip you up, for you are leaning on Me. My strength is all you need. The enemy may seek to bully you but take your orders from Me and keep marching forward in My name. In Me you will not fall. You can be brave and confident, secure in the knowledge of My love for you.