



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Be an Overcomer

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

DSP Edric preached on being an overcomer – someone who overcomes difficult situations triumphantly – and the key steps necessary to do so. Being an overcomer is to be at the peak of a pyramid built on a foundation of struggling, surviving, stabilising and then succeeding. It is a linear pathway upwards, and the seven keys from Scripture to rise upward is found in 2 Corinthians 4 as explained in the following.

SEVEN KEYS FROM SCRIPTURE TO BEING AN OVERCOMER

The seven keys to being an overcomer is found in 2 Corinthians 4. They are as follows:

1) The Promises of God

God has promised us that we will be overcomers (1 John 5:4-5, Rom 8:2,31). As God's Word is true and without fault, we know that this will come to pass. However, God also promised that we would face persecution (John 15:18-20, 2 Tim 3:12). God's promise is not that we will not face persecution, but rather that He will help us to become overcomers as we face persecution.

2) The Purposes of God

When trouble strikes, we must think about why exactly we are enduring what we are going through. We face adversity because we are proponents of righteousness. We face adversity to mould our character (Rom 8:3-5), make us fully mature in faith (James 1:2-4), test and purify our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7), know Christ better (Phil 3:10-1), reveal Christ to others (Rom 8:18), help others (Gen 50:20), and comfort others (2 Cor 1:3-4). We serve the purposes of God through overcoming adversity.

3) The Presence of God

God is within us. His presence is among us. Through this, we overcome because with our Father God within us, there is nothing that we cannot overcome. We live in Him and He lives in us, and His perfect love drives out all fear (1 John 4:16-18).

4) The Power of God

God's divine power has brought victory to His people time and time again (2 Peter 1:3-4). From the days of the prophets to Jesus conquering over sin and death, God's divine power has overcome any and all enemies against His righteous truth. We therefore know that with the power of our Father God, we have the power to overcome the adversities we face.

5) Perseverance

Perseverance is the ability and willingness to recover from setbacks that threaten to throw us off course. When we go through difficulties, it can be easy to let it spiral out of our control, but through perseverance, we can correct the course of our lives back to a path of righteousness. Sufferings produce perseverance in the faith (James 1:2-4, Rom 5:3-5).

6) The Prize from God

Our inheritance in heaven – our prize from God for overcoming and staying strong in the faith awaits us for when we meet our Creator. To the victor goes the spoils, and we are the victors when we overcome. The prize sometimes arrives in this lifetime in a physical form. Other times, God has His own plans on how to distribute His prize. Either way, we rejoice in the knowledge that our prize awaits us for being overcomers (2 Tim 4:5-8).

7) Perspective

One of our most important tools in being an overcomer is the perspective we take. Our view of things – the way we perceive what is going on – makes all the difference. No matter what we are going through, let us all remember to keep in mind to hold on to the promises and purposes of God, turn to His presence and power, and persevere to receive the prize from God. We should endeavour to keep this core perspective in all that we do.

CONCLUSION

We are called to be overcomers. A certain boldness and resilience to adversity is expected from every follower of Christ. Just as our Lord and Saviour endured and overcame for our sakes, so should we for His.

QUESTIONS

1. Share about something you have been an overcomer in. How did you overcome this adversity? How did you see God come through for you and what did you learn from it?

2. Share about one of the key principles of being an overcomer that you have learnt. In what areas of your life can it be applied to and how so?

3. Is there anyone you know that is currently going through adversity? Based on the seven keys of being an overcomer, how can you encourage and help them?