

# Your Faith is the Victory that Overcomes the World!

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## ➤ Intro:

### - illus.: David and Goliath:

- **Goliath, giant of a man, Philistine**, came out and **taunted Israel's army twice a day for 40 days** (80 times)
  - **challenged them** to send someone out to fight him, if he won the Israelites would serve the Philistines, if Israel won the Philistines would serve the Israelites
  - **Israel was afraid**, not send anyone out, not engage them in battle
- **David, boy, father sent** to check on his brothers and deliver supplies
  - saw what was happening, went to Saul, **volunteered to fight and kill the giant**
- **David's faith when speaking to Saul:**
  - "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, **He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**"
- **David permitted David to fight, risking all their lives on a boy**
- **David got 5 smooth stones** from the brook, and **went to the battle line to fight** Goliath - boy against giant
- **Goliath cursed David**
- **David's response to Goliath**, showing his **confidence**, and exemplifying his **faith**:
  - "You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but **I come to you in the name of the Lord** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. **This day the Lord will deliver you up** into my hands, and I will **strike you down and remove your head from you**. And I will **give the dead bodies of the army** of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel**, and that all this assembly may know that the **Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's** and He will give you into our hands." – David possessed the victory before he fought – faith – battle belongs to the Lord
- **Lord does not deliver by sword or spear – He delivers by faith**
  - **1 Jn. 5:4b** victory that has overcome the world – your faith – lesson

- **Your victory — you overcome the world!** (1 Jn. 5:4) – Satan
  - **victory:** an act of defeating an opponent in a battle or competition – our victory is overcoming the world
    - **illus.:** **David killed Goliath, and cut his head off with his own sword** – victory, defeated
    - **illus.:** **after that, inspired by David, the Israelites defeated the Philistines and plundered their camps**
  - **overcome:** denotes continual action: overcome
    - Present active indicative . . . a continuous victory because a continuous struggle, "**keeps on conquering the world**" ("the sum of all the forces antagonistic to the spiritual life," D. Smith). (Robertson)
- - **1 Jn. 2:12-14** you have **overcome Satan, hence the world** – **victorious, world, Satan**
- - **1 Jn. 2:3** know God, because you **keep His commandments**
- - **1 Jn. 2:13-14** **overcome Satan, because word of God abides in you** – **obey word**
- - **1 Jn. 2:15-16** because you've **overcome Satan, you don't love the world** – **victorious, world, Satan**
- - **Therefore you are victorious over all the trials and tribulations that come your way, in addition to sin and death!** – **victory, overcome**
  - **Rom. 8:26-28, 31-35, 36-39** your victory in Christ
- **You are victorious because you believe in Jesus!** – **how**
  - **1 Jn. 5:5** you **believe Jesus is the Son of God**
    - you **believe in His divinity, though He came in the flesh** (vs. 6), which is rejected by antichrists (1 Jn. 2, 4), Gnostics and Jews
  - - **1 Jn. 3:23** since you believe Jesus is the Son of God, you **believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ**
    - **1 Jn. 4:1** you **reject the deceiving spirits, false prophets** – **false religions**
    - **Col. 3:17** you **respect the authority of Jesus** - do all in His name – **obey**
    - **Heb. 5:9** you **obey Jesus**, the **source of salvation** to everyone who believes – **obey, saved**
    - **illus.:** **David believed in God, promises, knew he would defeat Goliath because it was God's will**
  - - **1 Jn. 5:6-8** you **believe the testimony of the Spirit (word), water (baptism, words from heaven), and blood** (cross, sacrifice, resurrection, conclusion of centurion)
    - **1 Cor. 1:18** the **word of the cross is the power that's at work in your life** – **salvation**
    - **1 Th. 2:13** **God's word performs it's work in those who believe** – **fruitful**
  - - **1 Jn. 5:9-10** you **believe the testimony of God** – **miracles, resurrection**
    - **1 Jn. 5:10a** you have that **testimony in yourself** – **confess with mouth, actions**
    - **1 Jn. 5:3** **love God and keep commandments**
  - **Therefore you are victorious in your life – sin, death, trials and tribulations** – because believe in Jesus
    - **1 Cor. 15:57** "but thanks be to **God**, who **gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"
    - **Rom. 8:1** "Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for those who are **in Christ Jesus.**"

- **You are victorious because you are born of God!** – believe Jesus, saved
  - **1 Jn. 5:1, 4** born of God, overcome the world – victorious
- - **How are we born of God?**
  - **1 Jn. 5:1a** believe in Jesus, born of God
  - **1 Jn. 5:5** believe Jesus is the Son of God, therefore obey (above) - **Heb. 5:9**
- - **What has Jesus commanded for a person to be born again?**
  - **Jn. 1:12-13** receive Jesus, as the authority of your life, born of God
- - **Jn. 3:3-5** born of water (baptism) and Spirit – Jesus commands
- - **Acts 2:38** baptized, remission of sins, receive gift of Holy Spirit – born again, water, Spirit
  - **1 Cor. 12:13** baptized into body (church, Eph. 1:22-23) – spiritual birth
  - **Acts 2:47** added to the church (their number)
  - **Eph. 5:26** Jesus sanctified the church, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word
  - **Tit. 3:5** God saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit
- **Because you believe in Jesus (Son of God), you are born of God, and victorious over the world!**
  - you obey Him – **Heb. 5:9**
- **Your victory results in eternal life – victory over the world – sin and death** (1 Jn. 5:10-13) – result
  - **illus.: David's victory over Goliath was temporal – but your victory in Christ is eternal**
- **1 Jn. 2:25** you have the promise of eternal life – victorious, world, Satan
  - you have the promise: believe God, have confidence, don't doubt or waver
- - **1 Jn. 5:11-13** you know you have eternal life – victory
  - the promise from God is so sure, He says you already have it today
  - you possess eternal life right now – after your physical body dies, your soul will live forever in heaven with God
  - **1 Th. 4:13-17; Rev. 20-21** you know what will happen after you die
- **Summary / Inv.**
  - **Do you know you have eternal life today?** – that God has promised it, and it's so sure the Bible says you already have it today
    - **illus.: David, believed God and His promises, knew he possessed the victory before going to the battle line, the battle belongs to the Lord**
  - **inv.:** If you don't know you have eternal life, you can change that today
    - if not a Christian, not have the victory – promised defeat – but you can change
    - if a Christian and turned away, have lost your victory – but you can get it back