

Are You Ready to Overcome?

Did you know that when you speak from your spirit man you overcome? All of the testing you are going through is linked with the word of your testimony that comes out of your mouth, and is produced at the end of your testing. Your spirit man is like the Ark of the Covenant, where the testaments were placed and secured for all mankind. When you endure the enemy's temptations and your own soulish carnal ways, your spirit man develops an overcoming power.

First, let's make sure we share the same definition of the word *testimony*. All of them are essentially the same thing: the story of a person's spiritual journey.

Basically, *testimony* is defined as someone's personal spiritual narrative. And while our testimony includes parts of our biography, that isn't the heart of it. Let's set aside the definitions dealing with legal or courtroom testimony and focus on the spiritual dimension.

Testimony is evidence in support of a fact or assertion, proof, or a public declaration regarding a religious experience. To testify means to express or declare a strong belief, to make a statement based on personal knowledge in support of an asserted idea, to declare publicly or make known, and to bear witness or provide evidence for.

The Word of God is full of people who testified to the power, majesty and mercy of God.

Joseph testified to his brothers when he said: "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about, as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid" (Gen. 50:19-21).

Job told the Lord, "I know that you can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You" (Job 42:2).

David said, "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears" (Psalm 34:4).

Mary declared, "For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name" (Luke 1:49).

Stephen, moments before he was stoned, said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (Acts 7:56)

Paul said to the Philippians: "Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:12-13).

One thing all of these testimonies have in common is that each one of the speakers directs our attention to the Lord.

Our testimony, like
our worship, is meant to magnify the Lord—not our own ego.
Only when Jesus is
exalted will our testimony bear the witness of the Holy
Spirit.

There are times when your soul needs to hear what your spirit
has to say. In 1 Samuel 30:6, when David and his men found
that Ziklag had been
burned and their wives and children had been captured, David
“strengthened
himself in the Lord.” In fact, the ones who were with David
wanted to stone
him. They obviously had not been fellowshiping with the Holy
Spirit, so David
had to strengthen himself. His soul really needed to hear what
his spirit had
to say.

Have you ever had to encourage yourself? At times like that
you want to be sure that you have a well-nourished, strong,
healthy spirit that
has been fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, because there
may not be anyone
else around. If you had to encourage yourself, if your spirit
had to encourage
your soul, how would you do?

Let me encourage you to nourish your spirit, worship, and
minister in the *power* of the Holy
Spirit. Exercise your spirit, resist the devil, run with
endurance and walk in
the Spirit. And keep your spirit in fellowship with the Holy
Spirit so that you
are becoming more like Jesus and are connected to others who
are doing the
same.

The blood and the word of your testimony will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. You *are* empowered to overcome, and you win in the end!

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PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 9-12-2011

This week encourage yourself in the Lord by declaring His Word and testifying of His goodness, faithfulness and omnipotent power on your behalf. Speak the Word over your circumstances and use it as you pray concerning every aspect of your life. Pray that Christians would repent, and unite in purpose to fast and pray for revival, the nation, and the spread of the gospel. Continue to pray for protection over our nation and our allies, as well as our military and their families. Remember Israel and ask for more laborers for the ripe harvest fields. Pray that President Obama would continue to seek God for wisdom as he leads the nation in these perilous times. 2 Chron. 7:14

To enrich your prayer

life and learn how to strategically pray with power by using appropriate

scriptures, we recommend the following sources by Apostle John Eckhardt: Prayers that Rout Demons, Prayers that Bring Healing, Prayers that Release Heaven on Earth and Prayers that Break

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