

The Word in Meditation

BEING AN OVERCOMER

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Welcome again, friends, to the Word in Meditation! I love to talk with you each day. Friend, we need at least 20 god-fearing praying people to support this radio broadcast with their prayers. We'll appreciate it, and God will bless you for it. Let's pray.

Lore Father, thank you for your love and for sending your sweet Son Jesus so we would have life and have it more abundantly. Bless, we pray, this bread, which we are about to break. In Jesus' Name, amen.

We were looking at 1 John 5:4-5. Let's read it again, "For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world; even our faith. Who is the he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"

He that *believes* that Jesus is the Son of God! Did you know there is a difference between knowing and believing? Just *knowing* something will not cause to be an overcomer. *Believing*, though, will.

I heard Dr. Norman Vincent Peale on the radio a couple of months ago while on my way to work. He said he spoke to a large audience at a convention back East sponsored by a household products organization. He said that because of the floodlights on the stage he could not see the audience,. The air was electrified. Such energy he said, was closely felt. Being new to a convention of this type, he asked what the reason for the excitement. A thundering roar met his ears and he heard the words, "We are believers!"

These people did not just merely *know* about the products, they were involved in them; they *believed* in them.

We can know that faith is around. We can know that faith does things. We can know Jesus is the son of God. We can know that we *have* faith and it won't do any good unless we *believe* in it. To have faith in our faith.

It is faith in faith which moves us when things look grim. Smith Wigglesworth once said, "I'm not moved by what I see or hear, but only by what I believe." Believing beyond all doubt that when we use the Name of Jesus against the devil or sickness, it has to go!

Believing comes from experience. It is coupled with knowledge, adh the two hoin hands. The power is in the believing. Knowledge is the relase. We learn something. It just goes into our head. Then to our spirit and is expressed back out through our head. We overcome by our

faith because we believe. You live by your beliefs. Beliefs will move you when everything seems against. Faith is your shield which protects while you move. Faith is what quenches the firey darts of the wicked one, not just belief. It is, therefore, important *what* you believe and *who* you believe in. True faith is demonstrated by our actions because faith without action is dead. Do you see that? I trust so.

Well, time is gone for today; so, I look forward to seeing you again tomorrow.

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