

## **OVERCOMERS - PART 6**

The last Goliath we need to overcome is the 'adversary'.

When it comes to the churches behaviour in relation to this, I have personally seen a number of different expressions, from shouting out really loudly and stomping around a room, professing and declaring things in His name, to the almost opposite of this and everything in between.

Where are we to look if we want a reference for what overcoming our adversary is?

We look no further than the One we want to become like, as He has demonstrated pretty much all of the things He is calling us to demonstrate. The key to this is not to try and copy Jesus physically, learning a formula or a 4 step program, but we must become an imitator of Jesus. To be an imitator of Christ requires us to truly know Christ and know who we are in Christ. This will have us walk in the manner of Christ not just in this area but every area.

It requires us to have the knowledge of His inner life and in this case, we must know our authority and the spiritual Word of God, or the sword of the Spirit, which is spoken.

It's important to know and recognise the weaponry which the adversary uses in his spiritual battle with us. If we know and recognise his weaponry then we know how to combat it. I personally believe way too many followers give the adversary way too much credit when it comes to spiritual warfare, due to not knowing the 4 things below.

There are 3 aspects of his weaponry. They are lies, deception and temptation. It's also really essential to know that although he has power he has no authority.

The key to overcoming our adversary lies in the knowing of these 4 areas;

- 1. Knowing God
- 2. Knowing who we are in God (identity)
- 3. Knowing our authority in God
- 4. Knowing the Sword of the Spirit Truth, in His name.

The ability to recognise the lie is in knowing the Truth.

The ability to overcome the temptation is in knowing the Truth.

The ability to overcome the deception is in knowing the Truth.

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It's simple. Overcoming the adversary is all about knowing the Person-Jesus Christ.

Marinate yourself in Luke 4:1-13 and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten your heart in the knowledge of Jesus, so you can be victorious in this area of your life.

## **QUESTIONS**

- 1. How does knowing the Truth give us the ability to overcome the adversary?
- 2. Read Luke 4:1-13 together. What do you see Jesus demonstrating in this passage when it comes to overcoming Satan?
- 3. How are we able to demonstrate this kind of reality as well?