

Living Beyond Our Potential 8-14-2005 HANDOUT

God is asking you to do the impossible ! So what are you waiting for?

I I am an overcomer

Philippians 4:13 (RSV) I can do all things in him who strengthens me. **Revelation 3:5** (RSV) He who conquers shall be clad thus in white garments, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life; I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. **Revelation 21:7-8** (RSV) He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. {8} But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, as for murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death."

Matthew 10:1 (RSV) And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. **Mark 10:27** (RSV) Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."

II I have been commissioned

Mark 3:14-15 (RSV) And he *appointed* twelve, to be with him, and to be sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons:

Matthew 10:5-8 (RSV) These twelve Jesus sent out, *charging* them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And *preach as you go*, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

Luke 10:16-20 (RSV) ... Behold, *I have given you authority* to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you.

III I have everything I need to be victorious

Acts 1:8 (RSV) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 (RSV) For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war, {4} for the weapons of our warfare are not worldly but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (RSV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. {11} Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1 John 4:4 (RSV) Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

IV Overcomers walk by faith not by sight

Hebrews 11:33-34 (RSV) who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, {34} quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

1 John 5:4 (RSV) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

Revelation 12:11 (RSV) And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

V Doing the impossible is exactly what God expects from you

Luke 9:12-17 (RSV) ... {13} But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish -- unless we are to go and buy food for all these people."{16} And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. {17} And all ate

VI I am an overcomer for what?

Jude 1:20-23 (RSV) But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; {21} keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. {22} And convince some, who doubt; {23} save some, by snatching them out of the fire; on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

2 Corinthians 2:14 (RSV) But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

VII Lets go do it

Matthew 28:18-19 (RSV) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."