

I JOHN 5:4

» 4 † For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the VICTORY that overcometh the world, even our FAITH.

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3528 » nikao {nik-ah'-o} nikavw from 3529; TDNT -- 4:942,634; vb

AV -- overcome (24)

-- conquer (2)

-- prevail (1)

-- get the VICTORY (1) [28]

1) to conquer

1a) to carry off the VICTORY, come off victorious: of Christ, victorious over all His foes; of Christians, that hold fast their FAITH even unto death against the power of their foes, and temptations and persecutions; when one is arraigned or goes to law, to win the case, maintain one's cause

SYN: Conquer - to gain by force of arms; to win; to get the better of; defeat

56-1004 WITNESSES_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_

« E-54 † Thomas standing there said, "Nope, nope, nope. I don't believe it. Nope. I have to touch His hands. I have to touch His side 'fore I'll believe."

God is a good God. He will bring Himself... Although that's His initial way, He will bring Himself down and give you the desire of your heart. Don't you believe that? Then God came down and said, "Thomas, come here. If it takes that for you to believe, come here."

And Thomas come over and touched His hand, said, "Now, You're my Lord and my God."

Now, listen. He said, "Thomas, because you've touched Me and so forth, you believe." Said, "How much greater is their reward, who has never seen Me even and yet will believe." **That's what I'm trying to get the people to believe, regardless of anything. Believe it anyhow. FAITH is the VICTORY.**

FAITH IS A REVELATION

65-0725M THE.ANOINTED.ONES.AT.THE.END.TIME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-5 N-3 SUNDAY_

« 53 † What is FAITH? FAITH is something that's revealed to you; that is not yet, but you believe it will be. FAITH is a REVELATION of the will of God. So, by REVELATION!

65-1125 THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_

« 160 † And the REVELATION is the only thing, the REVELATION of the Word. What is the... What is a REVELATION? Jesus said, "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against It." FAITH is a REVELATION; because FAITH has been revealed to you.

161 "Abel, by FAITH, offered by REVELATION (FAITH), offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain."

65-1126 WORKS.IS.FAITH.EXPRESSED_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-7 N-1 FRIDAY_

« 105 † Now, FAITH is "a REVELATION from God." Now, FAITH is a REVELATION. There's where I want to stay, there, just a moment. It's a REVELATION. He has revealed it to you by His grace. It's nothing you did. You didn't work yourself up into FAITH. You ever have FAITH, it's give to you by the grace of God. And God reveals it to you, therefore FAITH is a REVELATION. And the whole Church of God is built upon the REVELATION.

DRIFTERS & FLOATERS

58-1004 FAITH.IS.OUR.VICTORY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SATURDAY_

« E-9 † Now, the Bible said, that we could **overcome** the world. And how do we do it? Not by keeping up with the fashions of the world, but the Bible said that **FAITH is the VICTORY** that **overcomes** the world.

« E-10 † It reminds me of one time that... I don't like to say this word, but he was just a bum that came to the door. And he said, "Could you give me a--a sandwich?"

I said, "Certainly, would you step in." And instead of making him a sandwich, I thought I'd fix him something to eat. And fixed him up just about what I could around the place, and set him down to eat. And while he was eating, I thought I would speak to him, seeing that he was a--a traveler, and I said, "Where did you come from?"

He just shrugged his shoulders a little and said, "Nowhere."

I said, "Then where are you going?"

And he stopped eating and looked up at me, and said, "Nowhere." He looked around and swallowed a big bite, and he said, "Sir, just where my hat's resting, there's where I rest."

I said, "I see." I said, "How long have you been doing this?"

He said, "Oh, some twenty years or more." With no **ambitions** to--to better himself...

« E-11 † Now, that's just about the attitude of the people. Just what I call, "**drifters, floaters**." And the people who join the church is just about the same. I've often thought of **floating, driftwood**. A **driftwood**, it just hangs up in any kind of trash. That's just about the way that **floaters** does in the church or anywhere.

Now, you take on a stream, like the stream of life, and plenty of **driftwood** hanging up in every trash pile, and yet, the boat comes along made out of wood too. But if you notice the wood is made and shaped out by a master, who has built the boat. Not only is it shaped out, but it is guided by a master, and it is pushed by a power. And we're all made out of the same stuff. It just depends on how your **ambitions** run.

« E-12 † Are you willing to let the master craftsman make out of you, that which He could use, and that which He could control, and that which He could power. If this certain little craft, that's been made different and been craft out by the Master's hand, should ever stick into some weeds along in shallow waters, there is a power behind it, a little boat that the Master can turn on and push it out into the deep waters again.

God wants to mold and make us what He wants us to be. But how can we do that, or how can God do that, when we won't even stand still for Him to do it. We want to be our own master. We want to think our own way of thinking. And many people come into the church, and join the church, and put their name on the book, and doesn't even consider what that church believes, or check up with that church, how they preach the Word of God, or whether they stand for the full Gospel or not, or just pick out a portion and add a creed, **floating, drifting**, and never be able to amount to anything.

« E-13 † But let me tell you something, tonight, you on the in and outside of this building, "You're going to wind up at a **destination** one of these days, that's going to be in the valley of the shadows of death. I would advise you at this hour, to prepare to meet the God that will have to meet you at that hour. You'll either meet Him as a masterpiece that He has worked on, or a **floating** piece of **driftwood** to go into your **final destination**. So don't you use this life just to **drift** around and **float** around, and--and get a better job, and to dress better, and to get a new television, or--or a better car. Life means more than that. Don't you try to use it just to say, "Well, I... If the rest of the them join church, I will too."

FAITH OVERCOMES

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« E-20 † When you come to Him, don't come as a float. "I'll go up and try it and see if it works." You'll never get nowhere, but when you come with this kind of a determination, that you have sold out lot, stock, and barrel... When you're tired of the world, and sin, and unbelief, and flusterations and doubts, and come to the living God with a anchor surely tightened in the Rock of Ages, the Holy Spirit's here to pull you into the Presence of the living God, that will give you a **FAITH** that'll overcome anything there is in the world: sickness, disease, and even death itself.

You say, "You said death, Brother Branham." And that's what I meant. Death.

« E-21 † Was not it, Lazarus, who was laying dead in the ground, and had already corruption set in, when Jesus said to Martha, "Where have you buried him? And if you won't doubt you shall see the glory of God." "Did not I tell you not to doubt," He said to Jairus that night--or that day? "If you'll only believe, you can see the glory of God."

Then **FAITH overcomes** death. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over death. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over sin. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over sickness. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over worry. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over flusterations. **FAITH is the VICTORY** over the world.

« E-22 † You say, John, when he wrote that, he did not have my troubles. He did not have to deal with the folk that I deal with. He did not have to go through the things that I do. That's right. He may not had to deal with the same folk. He may not had to overcome the same thing, but he never excluded them. For he said, "This--the **FAITH is the VICTORY** that overcomes the world, the whole thing."

How is it? It's **FAITH** in it. Ride above it. When we have the written Word of God laying before us, and the Holy Spirit here performing and showing the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, with the Divine promises written here, that, "whatsoever thing you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and you shall have it.", what do you have to do then? Have **FAITH**, not just floating FAITH, not just a make-believe **FAITH**, but a real **FAITH**.

« E-23 † Now, **FAITH** is a conqueror; **FAITH** is an overcomer. It just isn't a--a peace maker, it overcomes. **FAITH is the VICTORY** that overcomes the world. What does it do? What is **FAITH**? What is the conqueror? **Conquer** and **VICTORY is the** same. To conquer, it means to beat down, to override, to handcuff, to throw into prisons. It means that the sin, that once ruled you, you rule it now. It means that you have overcome it, you are--you've whipped it. You're greater than it is. Oh, I feel religious, right now.

Which was first, a sinner or a Saviour? A Saviour, for a Saviour is more powerful than a sin. Which was first, the Healer or a sickness? It couldn't be a Healer, 'less it was over the sickness. It is a Healer; it could conquer the sickness. And **FAITH is the VICTORY** that overcomes every curse of the devil. **FAITH is the VICTORY**.

« E-24 † **FAITH in what?** Not **FAITH** in your church, not **FAITH** in your creed, not **FAITH** in some man, but **FAITH** in Jesus Christ Who made the promise. That's the **VICTORY**. What is it? It is the VICTORY. Say, "My arm's still crippled." But **FAITH is the VICTORY**. "I still feel sick." but **FAITH is the VICTORY**. Oh, it overcomes the world. When you can climb into God by prayer, until you seen the thing conquered under you. There is nothing that can hurt you then. You've overcome. You got fifty miles of elbow room. You're sailing free then.

« E-27 † Put your **FAITH** in God. What if the woman had had her **FAITH** in me? It'd failed, 'cause I'm a man. But when she changed her **FAITH**, not in the Branham Tabernacle, or in William Branham, or in anyone else, but placed her **FAITH** in Jesus Christ, then she got **FAITH**. She raised up above all the fears and doubts, and God healed her. And oh, she overcome. **FAITH is the VICTORY** that overcomes.