

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. 1 Peter 5:8-9 (Msg)

 When we know our identity in Christ, we know God's purpose and power that's made available to us.

I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! Ephesians 1:19-20

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for... Ephesians 1:11 (Msg)

 Your identity in Christ is your understanding of who God says you are because you have put your faith in Jesus.

Part of your identity in Christ is this:

• With Jesus, you are more than an **overcomer**.

Conqueror - One who overcomes adversity victoriously. One who defeats their opponent. If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how

will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?... 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37

 There is nothing that you struggle with now that you cannot <u>defeat</u>. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Because we're over-comers:

We don't have to be afraid of Satan or his demons.

They overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by the words of their testimony.' Revelation 12:11

We overcome the enemy with <u>Jesus' blood</u> and our <u>testimony</u>.

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Luke 10:19

We overcome the enemy through the person of Jesus.

....."Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" Luke 10:17

• We are not powerless against destructive **thoughts** and **behaviors**.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5

13 I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

7 ...God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. Romans 8:37

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly that anyone who chooses a life of sin is trapped in a dead-end life and is, in fact, a slave. A slave can't come and go at will. The Son, though, has an established position, the run of the house. So if the Son sets you free, you are free through and through. John 8:34-35

• We are not defenseless to the **temptations** of this world.

...the seed (God's Word) is choked out due to the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches... Matthew 13:22

...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. 1 John 5:4-5

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome the evil, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

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TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- Do you think it's important to understand the power that is made available to us as believers? Explain.
- Do you see yourself as an overcomer? Explain.
- How important is it that we as believers understand that we are more than over-comers.
- Why should Christians not be afraid of Satan?
- How do we overcome the enemy? What are some ways we overcome the enemy in our lives and in the
- What does it mean that we overcome the enemy through the person of Jesus?
- Why should we be over-comers in the area of destructive thoughts and behaviors?
- How do we overcome destructive thoughts and behaviors?
- Why do we need to overcome the temptations of this world? What are some of those temptations?

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