

The background of the top section is a photograph of a person's feet in tan hiking boots and khaki pants, standing on a dirt path. The image is decorated with several hexagonal shapes in yellow and dark grey, some with white outlines, scattered across the scene.

How to Joyfully and Victoriously Overcome



Administrative Bishop Daniel Hampton

Habakkuk was in quandary with the question: *If God exists, why do the wicked so often prosper?* He preached during the last days of Judah before taken captive by Babylon in 586 B. C. He foresees Judah's sin and the doom and destruction coming by a wicked nation which would bring punishment upon them, but even in that, read what he wrote about rejoicing Habakkuk 3: 17 – 19 (NLT) 17) “Even though the fig trees have no blossom, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren, even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, 18) Yet will I rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! 19) The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.”

It has been said worry is the advanced interest we pay on troubles that seldom come. We try to justify our worry because we are in a very difficult situation. We may be, even some more than others in a difficult situation, but we must remember the Joy of the Lord is our strength. Rejoicing is a choice we make even though there may not seem to be anything at the present to rejoice in.

I want us to consider the words of the apostle Paul, who was writing under very adverse circumstances. He was under house arrest not knowing whether he might be acquitted or beheaded. He didn't know what his future held but he knew who held his future. Even in that dire circumstance he gave us some of the most inspiring words found in the Bible.

(Philippians 4: 4-7 - NLT) 4) “Always be full of joy in the Lord, I say it again-rejoice! 5) Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember the Lord is coming soon. 6) Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. 7) Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Paul wasn’t sitting in some ivory tower, everything going his way, talking about practical theories. He wasn’t lounging on some beautiful Mediterranean beach, feet propped up relaxing in the sun and drinking tea. He was incarcerated, yet he was able to say, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I will say, rejoice.”

Do we understand that was a command from God Himself? To put it another way, not to rejoice, is disobedience to God. Anybody can rejoice when things are going reasonably well. But when we are facing adversity, hardship, ridicule, sickness, rumors, and death, but still choose to rejoice; we are being more obedient to God than probably at any other time. This kind of rejoicing leads to the victory which overcomes the world.

You may have many needs and questions today which seem to have no answers and rejoicing has escaped you and been replaced with doubt and fear. There appears to be more questions than answers but I want to encourage you with the words written in 1 John 5: 4-5. (NLT) 4) For every child of God defeats this evil world and we achieve this victory through our faith. 5) And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. We must believe in Christ who in the midst of great agony chose to love, forgive and redeem all who have asked for forgiveness.

The choice of how to joyfully and victoriously overcome is left up to who we choose to believe. We choose who and what to believe. I choose hope over doubt, joy over sorrow, victory over defeat and the Prince of Peace over the enemy who is already defeated. Look up and declare with a loud shout; **“WE JOYFULLY AND VICTORIOUSLY OVERCOME!”**

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JUNE 30, 2021
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WEST VIRGINIA CHURCH OF GOD CAMP MEETING

JUNE 6-10 @FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER 224 PINWOOD DR. BECKLEY WV

Sunday 6:00 PM Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Sunday

6:00 PM Dr. J. David Stephens, Assistant General Overseer

Monday

10:00 AM Scotty Dingess, Pastor, West Logan Church

7:00 PM Roy Tucker, Pastor, The Praising Place

Tuesday

10:00 AM Albert Mitchem, Pastor, Promise of Victory

7:00 PM Rhonda Holland, Minister, Author, Women's Conference Speaker

Wednesday

10:00 AM Mike Bostic, Pastor, Chattaroy Church of God

7:00 PM Dr. Tim Hill, General Overseer

Thursday

10:00 AM Jesse Farley, Pastor, Glen White Church of God

7:00 PM Dr. Tim Hill, General Overseer

The Church of God State Office Staff are praying for each Pastor, Pastor's Wife, Minister and Lay member, and attender of our churches, that God will provide and keep you and your families safe during this time.

Mountaineer Ministries Prayer Requests:

(these requests come from the white envelope enclosed)

Our country; Our President and State Leaders; Military; Health Care Professionals; Health and Wellness; Finances; Jobs; Marriages; Family; The Church; God's hand of protection; Students, Teachers and Staff at Schools; A miracle healing for Joshua; surgery; Lost husband; Need a job; Friend in hospital with Covid; Retired Minister's; Family lost home in fire; My sister and her husband; For depression; God to save my daughter; Our home to be a home that honors God.

Mountaineer Ministries Praise Reports:

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My healing; Being saved; Church opening back up; My neighbor; Saving my husband; My Church; A financial blessing; New job; A healing touch from God; My Pastor and First Lady; God's protection; My friends and family.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THE CURRENT COVID-19
SITUATION THESE DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

JUNE 6-10 CAMP MEETING

JUNE 14-18 TEEN CAMP

JUNE 21-25 JR. CAMP

JUNE 28-JULY 1 KIDS CAMP