

I. Unable to Overcome

- A. Under Sin - The bible is clear concerning the condition of our reality here in this age. The whole world lies under the power of the wicked one and we have no power to overcome it. This is true both of the inside (spiritual) and the outside (physical) things of sin and death we see and feel in our world. (1 John. 5:19)
 - 1. Inside - We are powerless to overcome sinful emotions inside. (Rom. 1:29-31)
 - 2. Outside - We are powerless to overcome the curse of sin and death of the things we see and feel in others, such as sinful actions, injustice, and sickness.

II. He Overcame

- A. Working in our place - Incarnation - Jesus was a fully human man in a physical body. The only one who lived sinless on the inside and outside. (Lk. 1:35
Incarnation, Fully God, Fully Man)
- B. Total Defeat - Through His death and resurrection, He broke the power of sin and death on both the inside and the outside that we were all under. (Rom. 6:5-9)

III. We Overcome through Him

- A. Through Him - After He broke the power of sin and death, He gave us the power to overcome it by giving us His Holy Spirit. Through His Spirit we can overcome sin and death on the inside and the outside. (Rom. 6:10-13)
- B. By Him - This happens through Him as we ask Him because He wants to be with us. The foundation of everything He did for us is from His love for us. He has positioned us to overcome through love and friendship with Him. (Jam. 4:1-10)
 - 1. Inside - We ask Him to give us the power to overcome sin in our hearts.
 - 2. Outside - We ask Him to give us the power to overcome death that we see or feel on the outside.

IV. Vision of Overcoming as a Family

- A. All things - There is nothing that is impossible with God. He defeated all sin and all death so there is no area that is outside of the possibility of overcoming. Do not settle for any aspect of sin or death. (Mark 10:24-27)
- B. One Thing at a Time - For all of us there are lots of areas of sin and death in us and around us that we have been positioned to overcome. He knows best, what areas He wants us to overcome currently and in the future. Rest in His love and care and take one thing at a time. (Rev. 2-3)
- C. Setting a Vision of Overcoming - Ask Jesus to highlight one area of sin and death on the inside and one area on the outside as an individual and as a family. Encourage one another by praying for one another and praying together to these areas for one month. At the beginning of the next month, ask Him if there is a new area or if you should stick with the area you did last month. Repeat this at least until our next family Sunday at the end of April.

1. Personal Area of Overcoming

a. Inside _____

b. Outside _____

2. Family Area of Overcoming

a. Inside _____

b. Outside _____