

## **WE WILL OVERCOME - PART 3**

### **Main Points (these points can be taught/discussed over different days.)**

#### **\*POINT #1 - BEING DIFFERENT**

##### Summary (Numbers 14:20-24)

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In Numbers chapter 14 we read that God tells Moses that Caleb had a different spirit, a different attitude, and that's why he was able to enter the promised land later in time. Caleb had an OVERCOMING SPIRIT. Having an overcoming Spirit means that we see things differently, we believe and think about things differently, and we speak differently. It also means that we fully and completely follow Jesus.

Ask: What does being different mean? Explain that being different means not of the same kind. For example: you can have a bag of jolly ranchers. All of the candy in the bag are jolly ranchers, but there are different flavors. There's cherry, watermelon, apple, blue raspberry and grape. They are all jolly ranchers, but each flavor is different.

John 15:19 tells us that Jesus has chosen us as His believers and followers to be different from other people in the world. He says that we don't belong to the world, and are different, and sometimes other people in the world won't like us because we are different. We can't be afraid to be different, or go against what other people in the world are doing or not doing. We have to be different from them.

##### Discussion Questions

- 1) Are you different from others? Maybe someone in your family or a friend?
- 2) How are you and that person different from each other?
- 3) Is it good that you and that person are different? Why or why not?
- 4) Do you ever feel like you need to try to be more like someone else? How and why?
- 5) Is it easy to be different from other people?
- 6) How *should* we be different as followers/believers of Jesus compared to people that don't follow or believe in Jesus?

Scripture memory verse: *"If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as it loves its own people. But I have chosen you to be different from those in the world. So you don't belong to the world, and that is why the world hates you."* - John 15:19 ERV

***Prayer: Jesus, thank you for choosing us, and for choosing us to be different from those in the world. Holy Spirit we ask you to help us to be okay with being different from others that don't know you or don't live their life for you. We ask you to lead us and show us how we should be different. How we should see, hear, think, act, believe and speak differently. We want to live our lives for you, no matter what the world sees, thinks, or says about us. Help us to be bold and courageous, Holy Spirit. Help us to completely trust in you, Lord Jesus. We love you so much! Amen.***

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## **\*POINT # 2 - SEEING THROUGH THE SPIRIT AND BELIEVING IN THE SPIRIT**

We said that when we have an overcoming spirit, we will be different from the world. There are 3 things about us that will be different when we have an *overcoming spirit*, like Caleb had. We will see differently, believe differently and speak differently. Let's talk about what it means to see and believe differently. When we see differently, we see through the spirit. (*Ask: What does that mean? Allow your child to answer.*) When we believe differently, we believe *IN* the spirit. (*Ask: What does that mean? Allow your child to answer.*) Read this summary of 2 Kings 6:8-17. (*I encourage you to open your bible to 2 Kings 6 and place the summary inside your bible. We want our kiddos to know that this truly is the word of God, not just a story.\*\*\**)

*"Then the enemy king of Aram sent horses, chariots, and a large army to Dothan. They arrived at night and surrounded the city. The king of Aram was making war against Israel, God's people. He had a meeting with his army officers. He said, "Go and prepare to attack the Israelites." But Elisha, a prophet of God, sent a message to the king of Israel. Elisha said, "Be careful! Don't go by that place, because the enemy soldiers are hiding there!" The king of Israel sent a message to his men at the place that Elisha, the prophet of God, warned him about. And the king of Israel saved quite a few men. The enemy king of Aram was very upset about this. He called his army officers and said to them, "Tell me who is spying for the king of Israel." One of the officers of the king of Aram said, "Elisha, the prophet from Israel, can tell the king of Israel many secret things—even the words that you speak in your bedroom!" The enemy king of Aram said, "Find Elisha, and I will send men to catch him." The servants told the king of Aram where Elisha was at. Elisha's servant got up early that morning. When he went outside, he saw an army with horses and chariots all around the city. The servant said to Elisha, "Oh, my master, what can we do?" Elisha said, "Don't be afraid. The army that fights for us is larger than the army that fights for our enemy." Then Elisha prayed and said, "Lord, I ask you, open my servant's eyes so that he can see." The Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and the servant saw the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire. They were all around Elisha."*

There are things that are going on in the spirit that we can't see with our human eyes. Elisha's servant saw the enemy's army and horses and chariots surrounding their camp. Elisha saw that too, but he also saw something else. He saw what God was doing. Not only was the enemy surrounding Elisha, but there was a heavenly army surrounding them as well! He asked for his servant's eyes to be opened so he could also see what was going on in the spirit. This is the same for us today. We know the Bible tells us that Jesus is with us always, even though we can't see Him right now with our human eyes. We can't see the Holy Spirit, but He is here with us also. And, we know God is real, even though we can't see Him right now either. We have to choose to *believe* and trust that what He says is true. We have to value what God says as more important than what we see with our human eyes.

We also have to *KNOW* what God's word says for us to be able to *BELIEVE* what He says instead of what we see, especially if those 2 things are different. God's word says we should live by faith and not by what we see, and that faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. But, we can't live by faith if we don't know what His Word says. Right? Let's say I told you, "I bought you an oreo blizzard and I left it in the freezer for you."

Would you believe me, or would you have to see it to believe it? If you believe me, then you are choosing to trust what I say instead of what you see. If you chose to not believe it until you saw it, then you would not put faith and trust in what was said. It's the same with God, we have to choose to believe what He says and what His word says, even if we can't see it.

### Discussion Questions

- 1) Have you ever seen something "new" in a place you have been many times, only to find out that that thing wasn't really new at all, but had been there all along, every time you've been there? Allow your child to explain.
- 2) Why do you think that happens to us sometimes?
- 3) Have you ever seen anything in the spirit (Ex. an angel), and would you like to share? Allow your child to share.

Scripture memory verse: *"So we think about what we cannot see, not what we see. What we see lasts only a short time, and what we cannot see will last forever."* - 2 Corinthians 4:18 ERV

***Prayer: Jesus we thank you for giving us eyes to see. Holy Spirit we ask that you would open our spiritual eyes. We want to see beyond the hard and difficult things that we see with our natural human eyes. Give us courage to not only depend on what we see with our human eyes, but what we see with our spiritual eyes. We ask for you to give us visions and show us what you are doing in the spirit. We ask for you to protect our mind and heart from what we may see sometimes with our natural eyes, that are not of you or from you. Help us to see things and people the way you do, Jesus. We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

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### **\*POINT #3 - SPEAK FROM THE SPIRIT**

We said that when we have an overcoming spirit, we will be different from the world. We have talked about what it means to see and believe differently in the spirit. Let's talk about what it means to speak differently. When we speak differently, we speak FROM the spirit. (Ask: *What does that mean? Allow your child to answer.*) Read this summary of Numbers 13:27-33. (*I encourage you to open your bible to Numbers 13 and place the summary inside your bible. We want our kiddos to know that this truly is the word of God, not just a story.*\*\*\*)

\*\*\*(v. 27-33) When they came back to their camp, they told Moses, "We went to the land where you sent us. It is a land filled with many good things! Here is some of the fruit that grows there!" They brought back some fresh grapes from the vine. And they continued to say, "But the people living there are very powerful and strong. The cities are very large and there are guards protecting the city. We even saw some Anakites, Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites." Caleb, one of the leaders, told the people near Moses to be quiet. Then he said, "We should go up and take that land for ourselves. We can easily take that land." But the other leaders that had gone to spy the land with him said, "We cannot fight those people! They are much stronger than we are." So those men gave a report that made all the rest of the people sad. They said, "The land we saw was full of really strong people. They are strong enough to easily defeat anyone who goes there. We saw giants there too, the Nephilim. We felt like tiny little grasshoppers. Yes, we were like grasshoppers to them!"

What Caleb said about the land and the people was different from what the other 10 leaders told Moses. They were so angry that Caleb had said something different than they had that they wanted to hurt him. As believers of Jesus, we must speak the truth, what is in the Bible and the truth of what He tells us in our hearts, just like Caleb did. He remembered that God SAID, He was giving them the land. He spoke what God had

said in the first place. He spoke to Moses what He believed, not what he saw with his eyes. We must not be afraid to speak what God says. His word is always true.

### Discussion Questions

- 1) Have you ever had a parent or teacher ask you to do something that you didn't think you could do because it looked too hard? And they had to encourage you and say, "I know you can do it, just try." What was it? (Allow your child to answer and explain).
- 2) Have you ever done something for God that you didn't think you could do at first because you thought it was too hard? (Allow your child to answer)
- 3) Has there been a time when someone you know that something was true, but you knew it wasn't? (Allow your child to explain)
- 4) Did you tell that person the truth even though they thought something else was true?

We want to be like Caleb, to speak what we know is true according to God's word. Let us speak about what we believe about God and what He says. We can speak healing scripture when we are sick, scripture about peace when we are worried about something, a word about being bold and courageous when we are afraid. We might feel those things and see those things, but we can speak the truth about what God says in the Bible about those things.

Scripture memory verse: *"The Scriptures say, "I believed, so I spoke." Our faith is like that too. We believe, and so we speak."* - 2 Corinthians 4:13 ERV

***Prayer: Jesus, we thank you for your Words in the Bible. We are thankful that we can read them and make the choice to believe them. We thank you that we can increase our faith because we chose to read and hear your Words that are true. Holy Spirit we ask you to increase our faith. Help us get YOUR words planted in our hearts. Help us to speak your word during the good and the bad times, to every part of our life. Help us to not be afraid to speak Godly truth that is different from what the world says. Help us to be bold and strong in our faith in you and your words. We love you Jesus. And it's in your name that we pray, Amen.***

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### **\*POINT 4 - FULLY FOLLOWING HIM.**

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We read that God told Moses that Caleb had a different spirit AND followed Him fully. And, that was why he was able to enter the promised land later in time. Having an overcoming spirit means that we not only have a different spirit, but that we FULLY follow God. Ask: What does it mean to fully follow God? (Allow your child to answer) Explain that fully following God means that we submit to God. We allow Him to have control and

authority over us. We live as He has told us to in the Bible. Just like following the leader, we follow God in everything that we do.

In Matthew 16:24-25 the Bible says, *“Then Jesus said to his followers, “If any of you want to be my follower, you must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me. Any of you who try to save the life you have will lose it. But you who give up your life for me will find true life.”* Following Jesus is not easy, but He promises that we will have life if we follow Him. He also promises to be with us always. The Bible says that He is a lamp to our feet. He will guide us and lead us step by step, we just have to trust him and follow Him. 1 John 4:4 says, greater is He that is IN us, than the enemy that is in the world. Because we belong to God, we have already won. We have to choose to believe Him and follow Him fully. We have to follow Him and His truth when we are at home with our family, at church, at school, at our friends, house, on the ball field or on the court. No matter where we are or who is with us.

### Discussion Questions

- 1) Have you ever done something you were told to do even if you didn't understand why you were doing it? (Allow your child to answer) If you did, you had faith and trust in the person that told you to do it.
- 2) Name a person that you would do anything they tell you to do, because you fully trust in them.
- 3) Do you think it is hard sometimes to follow Jesus? How and why? (Allow children to answer)
- 4) Do you think that you fully trust in Jesus? How? (Allow your child to answer)
- 5) Are there ways that you think you can follow Jesus better, or trust Him more? What are they and how? (Allow for answer)

Scripture memory verse: *“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” - 1 John 4:4 NKJV*

***Prayer: Jesus, we thank you for the example you have given us during your life here on earth. We thank you that we can read in the Bible about your life to know how we should follow you. Holy Spirit we ask you to help us follow you fully. With all that we are and in every area of our life. Help us to follow what you speak to our minds and our hearts. Let us not doubt you. We ask you, Holy Spirit, to give us the same overcoming spirit that Caleb had. We receive it now, in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

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### **\*\*\*WORSHIP SONG**

“Refiner”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwoeWDp2B20>

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### **\*\*\*APPLICATION ACTIVITIES**

#### *Seeing in the Spirit - family activity*

Spend some quiet time with the Lord as a family. Put on a worship song or two (or three or four), and encourage everyone to ask Jesus to show them something. When you see a picture or a vision in your mind's eye (or maybe even with your natural eyes), write it down or draw it out. Once your quiet time is over, allow everyone to share what they saw. Oftentimes, we don't see in the spirit, because we don't ask. The Bible

encourages us to ask, and we will receive. Be bold, and ask. Be patient and wait for Him. He'll show you something. :)

*Follow the Leader - Object Lesson*

<https://freebiblelessons.net/object-lessons/follow-leader>

*Game*

Play follow the leader or Simon Says as a family with your children.

*Coloring Page*

[https://sermons4kids.com/following\\_jesus\\_colorpg.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/following_jesus_colorpg.htm)