

# OVERCOMER

## The Life You Were Made For

### THE POWER OF PEACE

#### Luke 21:25-28

"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; <sup>26</sup> men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

#### Romans 14:17

"...the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

#### Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Galatians 5:22

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."

#### Hebrews 6:20

"...having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

#### John 14:27-28

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I.

**Jesus' Peace** – An abiding, internal, trans-circumstantial sense of tranquility and well-being.

**The World's Peace** – A fragile, elusive and circumstantial sense of tranquility and well-being.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING IN THE PEACE OF GOD

### 1. Peace is how God guides us.

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

### 2. Peace is how God protects our minds and hearts against Satan's attacks of fear and anxiety.

Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### 3. Peace is the preparation and platform of our witness.

Ephesians 6:15

...and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace...

### 4. Peace is the purpose of our ministry and influence.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

### Luke 10:3-6

Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. <sup>5</sup> But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you.

### Mark 4:35-41

On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

## THE FOUR ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE

### 1. Submission to the Lordship of Christ

#### Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

### 2. Diligent, faith-filled prayer

### Philippians 4:6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- Prayer doesn't work without trusting God.
- You know you're praying enough & by faith when you have peace.

## 3. A God-ward mindset

### Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

### Romans 8:5-6

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

### Luke 21:28

When you see these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, your redemption draws near.

## 4. Daily dependence upon the Holy Spirit

### Galatians 5:22

“The fruit of the Spirit is...peace...”