

Victorious Faith

“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (St. John 16:33)

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” (I John 5:4)

Do not think it strange when negative things happen in your life – health problems, financial difficulty, family problems, etc. Because they are Scriptural and cannot be avoided. Jesus said that we will experience **tribulation** in the world. I have experienced tribulation recently in my life. The key is learning how to overcome tribulation with God’s **Faith**. It is in overcoming that we enjoy life. God’s Faith always causes us to triumph because it is an “overcoming” Faith. Several things must be learned about it to experience victory:

■ Faith Spirit

When we receive the “Holy Spirit” into our heart, we receive a spirit of **Faith**. This “new spirit” is already greater than the negative challenges that **Satan** brings. (I John 4:4) The “spirit of Faith” does two fundamental things: (1) it **believes** and (2) it **speaks**. Keep this in mind. II Corinthians 4:13 declares, “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

Obviously, the key is what we believe. We believe what God’s word says about a challenge. His word has **authority** over all challenges. When we believe, what happens is that we come into **agreement** with God. To agree with Him is to disagree with our challenge, although it is there and pressures us. God says that in all these things, we are more than conquerors. Therefore, the situation will change. (Romans 8:37)

■ Faith Law

Faith is a Spiritual thinking and speaking Law. (Romans 3:27) Please know that we cannot think Faith Law with a “natural mind.” Our mind must be changed with God’s word for the Law to work. Faith Law works in two places: our *heart* and our *mouth*. We think God’s words and speak them *only*. Without these *thinking* and *speaking* works, Faith is dead and will not produce victory. (James 2:17) Further, it must not be **transgressed** to see victory. We transgress it fundamentally with our **mouth**. (Psalm 17:3) That is, we speak, or complain, about our situation; not what God says. Such speaking is called unbelief. This causes us to depart from God. (Hebrews 3:12) Also, we cannot say what God says, then turn around and speak about our situation. Such speaking is called **wavering**. (James 1:6-7) Where unbelief and wavering exist, the situation will not change. God only responds to His Faith operating in our hearts. (Eph. 3:20)

■ Working our Faith

We are *speaking* beings. We are going to talk daily. The key is what we are talking about: the situation that we are in, or God’s word for **victory** over it. God will cause you to overcome. Therefore, do not **focus** on the situation. It will certainly change. We do not deny its existence; we deny its right to exist in our lives. We believe it will change as we *speak* God’s word.