

## Essential Fellowship: 4 of 10

“Overcomer”

Cornerstone Church Of Poway

Pastor Ed Turley

February 27, 2022

**Big Idea:** We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

**1 John 2:12-17**

**To Overcome The World, Our Flesh, And The Devil We Must:**

### **1. Know Our Sins Are Forgiven**

I write to you, dear **children**, because your **sins have been forgiven** on account of his name. **1 John 2:12 (NIV)**

There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casts out fear**, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

**1 John 4:18 (NASB)**

As far as the east is from the west, So far has He **removed our transgressions** from us. **Psalm 103:12 (NASB)**

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### **2. Know We Have A Heavenly Father**

I write to you, dear **children**, because you have **known the Father**.

**1 John 2:13c (NIV)**

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And **our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son**, Jesus Christ. **1 John 1:3 (NIV)**

Just as a father has compassion on *his* children, So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust. **Psalm 103:13-14 (NASB)**

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### 3. **Become Strong In The Word Of God**

...I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the evil one.

**1 John 2:13b (NIV)**

I write to you, **young men**, because **you are strong**, and the **word of God lives in you**, and **you have overcome the evil one**. **1 John 2:14b (NIV)**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)**

“Be diligent to present yourself **approved** to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately** handling the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB)**

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### 4. **Become Faithful Follower Of Jesus**

I write to you, **fathers**, because you have **known Him** who is from the beginning.

**1 John 2:13a (NIV)**

I write to you, **fathers**, because you have **known him** who is from the beginning.

**1 John 2:14a (NIV)**

“But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the **blood of Jesus**, His Son, **purifies us from all sin.**”

**1 John 1:7 (NIV) Remember Verse**

“**Blessed** is the man who does not **walk** in the counsel of the wicked or **stand** in the way of sinners or **sit** in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.” **Psalm 1:1-33 (NIV)**

The world and its **desires pass away**, but the man who does the will of God **lives forever**. **1 John 2:17 (NIV)**

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➤ **Where do I need to build up my faith to be an overcomer?**

**To Be An Overcomer, I Will:**

[ ] Accept the challenge to journal through scripture this week

[ ] Ask Jesus to be my Lord and Savior

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

**Big Idea:** We can know the joy of life if we walk together in His light.

**Open in Prayer**

**Icebreaker:** What is your favorite Olympic sport to watch? Why?

**Read 1 John 2:12-17**

**To Overcome The World, Our Flesh, And The Devil We Must:**

**1. Know Our Sins Are Forgiven**

**Read 1 John 2:12**

Do you remember when you first accepted Jesus as your Savior? How did it feel to know that your sins were forgiven?

How does His grace and mercy affect your everyday life?

**Read 1 John 4:18**

Do you ever wonder if God has truly forgiven you for something?

How does this verse speak to understanding forgiveness?

**Read Psalm 103:12**

**How does this verse help you understand forgiveness?**

**2. Know We Have A Heavenly Father**

**Read 1 John 2:13**

What words would you use to describe our Heavenly Father?

**Read 1 John 1:3**

What does John invite us to?

**Read Psalm 103:13-14**

Growing up, was your father compassionate or stringent?

How is God described as a father?

### **3. Become Strong In The Word Of God**

#### **Read 1 John 2:13-14**

How aware are you that there is a spiritual war going on daily?

What would help you to be more prepared to battle the evil one?

How would you describe your ability to battle?

Losing ground? Struggling to hold on? Advancing the kingdom?

#### **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 & 2 Timothy 2:15**

What helps you to grow in your knowledge and ability to apply God's Word in your life?

### **4. Become A Faithful Follower Of Jesus**

#### **Read 1 John 2:13-14**

How would you describe a faithful follower of Jesus?

Pastor Ed described maturity as truth plus experience over time.

What are some practical ways to help you grow into maturity?

#### **Read 1 John 1:7 Remember Verse**

Review this verse together.

What is an area of light that you can walk in this week?

#### **Read Psalm 1:1-3**

Sometimes we can casually support what is opposite to God's Word by not standing up for truth. How does this passage help you to understand this?

How does your current friend group help you walk, stand and sit for what honors the Lord?

If you are the tree in this passage, how far along are you in your growth process?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

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