

A wooden cross is centered on a background with a vertical gradient from red at the top to orange at the bottom. The cross is made of two light-colored wooden beams. The text is overlaid on the cross in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

BECOMING AN OVERCOMER

GAINING AND
MAINTAINING A POSITIVE
SPIRITUAL MINDSET.

FINDING VICTORY

- 1) WHY DO WE NEED VICTORY IN OUR LIVES?
- 2) HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THAT VICTORY?
- 3) WHY ARE WE OVER COMERS?
- 4) HOW DO I MAINTAIN THAT VICTORY?

WHY DO WE NEED VICTORY IN OUR LIVES?

All of us at some point have struggled with something;

- Addiction
- Sickness
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Stress
- Violence
- Trauma
- To name but a few

Many of us accept it as just being an unfortunate struggle in life.

It happens! Yes it does! However there is a reason and a solution which I will go into later.

When we are in those situations, God and Jesus seem at best distant if they exist at all!

How can I believe in a God when all this is happening to me and around the world?

Surely God if he exists would not allow these atrocities and personal problems to happen?

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WHY DO THESE THINGS HAPPEN?

1. The Heavenly realms are not chaotic or unruly, in fact they have an organised system of legal processes not dissimilar to ours!
2. The enemy exploits us because he is an expert in these matters. He has access to the Courts of Heaven where he and his demons bring their accusations against mankind.
3. Previously we have had no knowledge of this (partly due to old and religious teachings), which means we have been unable to defend ourselves adequately against him.

SATAN VS ME!

We do not suffer or struggle purely through our choice or because God doesn't care but because somehow, somewhere and sometime we have given Satan permission to gain access to our lives.

Satan has 3 aims or purposes;

TO ROB, KILL AND DESTROY

ROB us of our destiny

KILL us in which ever way he can

DESTROY the church of God and deceive as many as possible.

Satan gains access through tricking us into an agreement (Adam and Eve, who he cunningly fooled into being disobedient to God and eating the apple).

He eggs us on to believe that we are able to make our own choices and decisions without the need for God in our life. He instigates the DIY mentality.

This doesn't just go for us and our own issues but those of our ancestors all the way back.

The battle that we fight against Satan is one of his making in order to keep us from God and our destiny!

HOW DO I KNOW I AM IN A BATTLE?

- My personal experiences, - financial, health (eczema) – Learning to trust in GOD.
- Do you have obstacles in your life or is it ALL good? – Be honest!
- How are you dealing with it? DIY or GOD?
- How do we respond? – Denial, Avoidance, DIY solutions, Procrastination?
- Do we let our ego/pride get in the way?

So how do we change this?

WHAT DID JESUS DO FOR ME?

Jesus was a man like us in most ways.

He was a gift from God to the world

He had a far greater purpose.

Jesus life and death was more significant than just being a story. His whole purpose was to reunite us with God whatever the cost!

Jesus' death wasn't just representative of a sacrifice for mankind but of a moral and legal victory over Satan and his plans for us.

Jesus gained the ultimate victory through making the ultimate sacrifice. However he didn't do it for his own benefit, but for the benefit of ALL mankind. He paid our debt! He was selfless.

He allowed himself to be wrongfully accused, tortured, beaten and crucified because he knew that Satan wanted to discredit him in every way and destroy him before God, both on Earth and in Heaven and that all this would bring Satan victory.

However what happens when you bring accusations against an innocent man before a court that already knows the truth.

Jesus died an innocent man so that his blood may be the armour and protection that all mankind could receive if and when they accepted him into their lives.

“I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me!” *John 14:6*

It's not merely a part of the process it's the start!

SO WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Jesus died because he knew that his innocent blood would be poured out as a new covenant/agreement between God and mankind.

He took ALL our sins, sickness and disease on the cross and before God the Judge he accepted eternal judgement and atonement for our sins so that we could come before God as his children.

When God found Jesus innocent, he was absolved of all accusations and sins and therefore he claimed legal victory over Satan for all eternity.

SO WHY DO I STILL STRUGGLE?

Life happens, becoming a Christian doesn't always instantly solve ALL your problems!

What it does give you is access to EVERYTHING Jesus has access to. Why? Because as a Christian we are co-heirs with Jesus so therefore we have the same rights and abilities as him.

So with the resources available we can undo the works of the enemy in our lives and in our past through accessing the courts, Liebusts etc.

So when you surrender to God you haven't failed, you are merely presenting a situation too complex for you to deal with alone to someone you know and trust to help you overcome it.

We don't have all the answers! God does!

Don't let your ego and pride lead you down the wrong path.

Don't be afraid to ask for help! We've all been in situations that we can't see a way out of.

How have we broken that circle? By admitting we can't do it alone and we need help.

THE ONLY WAY TO OVERCOME IS TO SURRENDER

It's contrary in it's appearance but holds so much power in it's outworking.

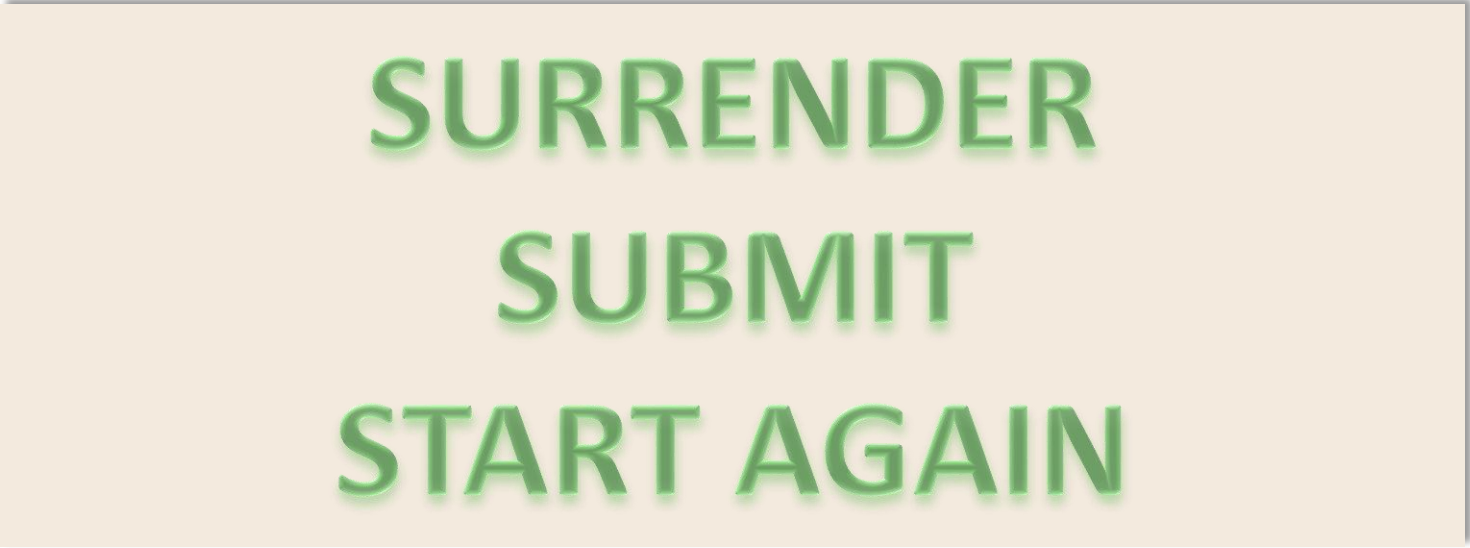
Most if not all of us will have lived a life that there are parts we are not proud of.

Addiction, greed, violence, manipulation, lust etc.
All forms of sin.

Over time we build up a character basis formed around our past experiences, lifestyle and what we choose or are led to believe.

It becomes a vicious circle!

So how do we break out of that circle?



SURRENDER
SUBMIT
START AGAIN

Where do we start?

We start by admitting we can't do it alone.

That the DIY method we have employed up till now doesn't work.

Surrendering our lives to Jesus is a big step, however its not the only time we need to surrender.

God is interested in every little detail. As we grow in our relationship with him he shows us things in our past or generational line which we can also surrender to him through Liebusts or courts etc.

Also day to day situations and challenges arise that we can and should surrender to him too. We can do this through personal engagement with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

We've all heard the phrase "Giving it to God!"

It's painless physically however we often struggle through pride, traumatic experience or suchlike.

Once we have surrendered the situation to God, we then learn to listen for his words or suggestions.

When we hear what he says to us we still have a choice. Do we ignore it and go our own way (we know how that ends up) or do we submit and act upon his words.

We go through a process of decision making which often in itself causes internal conflict.



Questions, questions, questions!

All too often we tie ourselves in knots because we try to search within our past experience and knowledge for the answers to our day to day problems. We think about it, we find an answer, we grab onto that answer then we start over thinking. We start doubting the answer we came up with which means we doubt ourselves. This in turn leads to us finding other answers and then onto frustration both with the situation and with us as a person.

So How Can God Help Me?

- When we give the situation to God, we take US alone out of the equation!

Instead of getting frustrated, we need to **STOP, STEP, SUBMIT, START!**

STOP – thinking and striving for an answer that probably at best will only work short term if at all!

STEP – in and surrender the whole situation to God. Ask him! That's what he wants us to do!

SUBMIT – to his will and counsel. He really does have all the answers, He will show you the best way to deal with the situation.

START – acting on his word and advice and watch as you overcome your situation and your life changes.

TRUE VICTORY IS ACHIEVED THROUGH VULNERABILITY

Once you have learnt to do this you will see things change in your life that you never thought or imagined could change.

Through this process your mindset changes from self to son. It's ok to surrender and become vulnerable in order to overcome.

Jesus gave up his life so that we could gain eternity with God our Father. But he wasn't defeated by any means. When he submitted to the will of God and his destiny he claimed the legal victory that we now have access to.

WHY ARE WE OVERCOMERS?

We inherited the rights, privileges and powers that Jesus had because we are co-heirs with Christ! We are his brothers and sisters.

The second you recognised and accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you became a Child of God.

With this salvation comes the victory that Jesus won, it becomes our birthright. We are reborn into his kingdom and therefore we have access to all the resources and advice that Jesus has.

Through baptism we enter into a new life and leave the old life behind in the water.

So with all that it naturally follows that we can overcome whatever life puts before us.
Like anything it takes time and learning and help.
We have to reprogram our way of thinking.
We have to renew our minds (see Mike's teachings online and read the declarations on the communion table).

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO SURRENDER IN ORDER TO
OVERCOME YOUR SITUATION**

MAINTAINING VICTORY

In order to maintain the victory or to keep overcoming our obstacles we need to maintain our mindset.

Remaining positive is very important. If you were not naturally positive then you would probably put up a barrier right there!

Some reasons to be positive are as follows-

- We have a Father who is capable of anything
- We have a brother who defeated death itself and claimed legal victory in the Heavenly Courts for us
- We are placed by God's side to rule and subdue the earth and all living things on it.

That's just 3 things and I know you can probably think of many more!

The more you believe, the more change you will see and the more positive you will become which becomes it's own positive circle.

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