



May 21

Passage: 1 John 5:1-5

READ & DIG.

Read 1 John 5:1-5. **Overcomer.** I feel like I need to sing Overcomer by Mandisa on J93.3 over and over and over like when it first came out. Can you hear it? Or watch the movie about the XC runner...can you see her working to overcome all those obstacles to be victorious? We deal with a lot of stuff as teenagers, adults, Christians, you name your role/circumstances...stuff is constantly coming at us! It is good to start at the end sometimes to understand the beginning better. Overcomer is the word given in our end verses to our study today. The only way you can be an overcomer if by accepting Faith in Christ!

Who Overcomes? (V.1-2)

If you want to be an overcomer you have to take the proper first step...Become HIS! Believe on Him. Get saved. Become born again. Christians get to be the overcomers.

How to Overcome? (V.1-3)

Okay, so first you surrendered to Him and believe. It doesn't stop there. Salvation isn't a get out of hell card in Lifeopoly. Second, if you want to be an overcomer LOVE Him and others! We were instructed on this yesterday. Third, to be an overcomer obey His commandments. And don't just obey them, love them! (Prov 12:1...Don't be Stupid!) Don't count it a burden to obey the Lord. It isn't a have to, we get to honor Him, the One who gave His life for us. If you aren't enjoying your walk with the Lord, examine to make sure you have one first, but then surround yourself with our RockSM squad. It's pretty awesome. Spend time with your people. The greatest joys in my Christian walk have come from serving with my people to further the Gospel and love on others. Come serve with us! JOY, I promise you will find it!

Wrap it Up! (V.4-5)

Faith. Your faith is what overcomes all the stuff, all the circumstances life may throw at us. Bible doesn't say it's gonna be easy, clean, or fun. Sometimes it can be, but mostly when we think of overcomer we think of obstacles we have to work to rise above. In these 2 summarizing verses we are given one word that summarizes the way we overcome, faith. We trust that because we have placed our faith in Christ and are consistently (not just when it's convenient or easy) obeying His word, commandments, instructions that He has this/that/everything in His hand under his authority. Faith. Have faith and know in the end you will win because Christ wins. Work, play, live with the end in mind because ultimately, we (His children) will be the overcomers.

Apply & GO

So what now? What do we do with this? Always remember. God's Word means what it means. There is no "what does this mean to you, and to you, and to you." That's wrong. The Bible means what it means. How we apply it may be different, specifically. It means what it means. SO...let me ask you. What will you do after hearing this truth? What can we learn about God? What can we learn about His Word? What can we learn about becoming an overcomer In Christ? How will I overcome the struggles/trials/day to day stuff I encounter today?