

Watchmen Summit 2020 RESET
Day 1 “The Individual Call of the Watchman”
The Overcoming Spirit

INTRO:

- In the midst of the trials and challenges, I believe we are in more than an extraordinary time, but rather a **“Set time’ when God is finger His church** to rise up, to be strong and of good courage, to be the light in an increasingly dark world. To come up Here like Rev. 4:1 says.
- God is allowing this time to prepare and to strengthen us.
 - Rev 12:10 Speaks of a time when the enemy accusing God’s people day and night, and pushes against us and resists us
 - Rev. 12:11 John gives us a key to such times, “And they **overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Rev 12:10-11
 - **Yakowl** heb.endure, prevail, have power
 - **Nikao** Gr. conquer, prevail, get victory, prevail
- Nature of Overcoming: “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” Rev 12:11
 - Character and nature of the “Overcomer”
 - **1st mention: came just before people enter their promises:** Numbers 13:30 Report of the spies after they came back from spying out the promised land,
 - **Associated with key transition times and war,** 1 Sam 7:10
 - **Nature of Jesus: through Him we can overcome the difficulties in the world,** John 16:33
- Steps in overcoming:
 - **#1 Blood of the lamb speaks of forgiveness the enemy wants to separate us from God and from one another.**
 - Forgive ourselves of our own personal sins keeps us from our identity in Christ
 - “No condemnation for those in Christ Jesus” Rom 8:1
 - Forgiving others:
 - Resistance to the revival will test believers to be strong in the face of persecution. Some will come from within the body of Christ
 - Accusations against us will need to be met with a biblical response.
 - Overcoming and forgiving others for offenses is where authority comes from.
 - Phil 2:8-11 “And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**”
 - Mt. 5:11-12

- Not take on offense. Offense will disconnect us from God and from our identity in Christ.
- Avoid bitterness: Hebrews 12:15 “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled”
- **#2 Declaring our Testimony will be extremely important to overcome schemes of enemy. There is no test without a testimony**
 - It is a witness to others of the power of God working through your life or circumstances. **“Your story is the key to unlock someone else’s prison.”**
 - YOUR VALUE: The testimony in us is very important and unique to you. Going through the process of creating the testimony through the tests we endure increases our capacity for the life of Christ to shine through us. Gal 2:20
 - **CREATED TO BEAR FRUIT:** Jesus said, “...**Therefore by their fruits you will know them.**” Mt. 7: 20
 - No one can accuse the testimony. It stands on its own. There is no test without a testimony. The greater the test the greater the testimony
 - Acts 4:33 “And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.”
 - Testimony overcomes the power of the enemy accusations
- **#3 Not loving lives to death:** The accusatory spirit is alive and well.
 - Zechariah 3:1-5 is a picture of what the enemy is doing and how we should stand in the face of opposition.
 - As times intensify, and the Church comes under attack, God is asking us to stand firm with Him
 - Jesus made Himself of no reputation
 - Ph 2:5 “...but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”
 - Heb 10:30 “Vengeance is mine, I will repay”
 - Seeking social justice will be a never ending story.
- The word “overcome” will be an increasingly important word to adopt and
- Understanding the power of overcoming will help us walk securely in Christ and growing in Wisdom and Revelation, to be salt and light to an increasingly disenfranchised world.
 - Isaiah 58:9: “If you take away the pointing of the finger....v. 12 You will become repairer of the Breach and Restorer of Streets to Dwell in”

Questions:

1. What are the most significant challenges you see for the Body of Christ today? In your local regions? Globally?
2. What is God saying to the Body of Christ through these challenges?
3. How do the principles in Revelation 12:11 align us with God in the face of these challenges?

