

Sunday Worship April 26, 2020

Sermon: **Declaring Victory**

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Text for Today:

**1 John 5:4-5**

*4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.*

**Our approach determines if we:**

1. Either **overcome** the world or be **overcome** by the world.

**1 John 5:5**

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**Revelation 12:10-11**

*10 And Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 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.*

2. Exercise **faith** in Jesus or **fear** in self.

**Isaiah 43:1b**

*...Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*

**Psalms 56:3**

*When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.*

**Hebrews 11:33**

*By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions.*

**Psalms 23:1, 4**

*1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

3. Live with **victory** in Jesus or a **victim** of the world.

a. Get rid of **excuses**.

**Genesis 3:13**

*The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

**Galatians 6:5**

*For we are each responsible for our own conduct.*

b. Forgive who you **blame**.

**Romans 2:1**

*You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.*

**Matthew 5:44**

*(Jesus said) But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.*

**Matthew 6:14-15**

*14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

c. Believe what Jesus says you are: **victorious**

**1 Corinthians 15:57**

*But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**1 John 5:4**

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**Closing Statement:**

*In faith seek the victory that Christ paid for so you will no longer be pulled by the tension of this world!*