

“Remnant(s) of Overcomers”

Reflection & Discussion Questions

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You are invited to use the following questions for personal reflection or small group discussion:

1. Watch the inspiring story of Nick Vujicic: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6HnFuzSjDQ> (video link).
 - a. What inspires you from Nick’s testimony?
 - b. What things can you brainstorm & list that Nick has had to have overcome in his life in order to be where he is today?
 - c. With no arms and legs, Nick is still being used as God’s hands & feet. In what ways can you be used of God, even with your own apparent “limitations”?
 - d. What is God inviting you to overcome in your own life in His strength in order to make those things happen to His glory?

[There is repetition, but if you are interested in hearing more of Nick’s testimony & messages, click on the following links:

CBN video = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TI58gufXfYk>;

Another testimony video of Nick: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srYB4rhao_4;

Ministry video of Nick: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sVWs8itywE>]

2. Read Revelation 12:17 and then Revelation 12:10-11. Revelation 12 ties together the theme of “remnant” (*survivors, those remaining*) with the theme of “overcoming” and having victory over the devil. What is the essence of this victory according to verse 11 (name three things)?
 - a. What do each of these mean to you personally?
 - b. What is your personal “testimony” of what the Lord has already helped you overcome in your own life thus far?
3. While keeping the tie between “remnant” and “overcoming” in mind from Revelation 12, notice that Revelation describes “overcomers” in each of the 7 churches of Revelation 2-3 (see **Revelation 2:7,11,17,26; 3:5,12,21**). God has always had His “remnant(s)” of people throughout the Christian age that have remained faithful, persevered, and responded to His Word & will, even in the midst of the worst of persecutions and apostasies (see for example, “the rest” [remnant] in Revelation 2:24).
 - a. What are some things that God’s faithful remnant(s) have had to overcome throughout Christian history or in a particular period of Christian history?
 - b. Out of the **7 verses** included from Revelation 2-3 above, which promise catches your attention the most?
 - c. What does Revelation 21:7 promise the overcomers (hint: you don’t really have to choose just 1)?
4. John the Revelator enjoyed the theme of “overcoming” in all his writings evidently. Read the following passages and discuss what each contributes to the idea of “overcoming” as a Christian:
 - a. John 16:33
 - b. 1 John 2:13-14 & 4:4 & 5:4-5
5. In Revelation 5:4-5, John is weeping, but then his weeping turns to rejoicing. If that scroll in the nail-scarred hand of Jesus represents not only the destiny of this world and the Christian Church, but also the destiny of your own life, what does it mean to you that the victory of Jesus enables Him to open what is sealed and to carry us through even the most challenging of times?
 - a. How can Jesus still turn weeping into rejoicing today?
 - b. And according to Revelation 15:1-2 & 17:14, what victory will Jesus accomplish for the final remnant of earth’s history, who live through final events and see Him return in all His glory?
 - c. What victory do you need Jesus to give you in your life right now? [pray & tell Him about it!]