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John 1:12...*"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children (son) of God, to those who believe in His name."* To become a son of God really is a choice. Of course, you must be born again.

John 1:13...*"who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

There is a distinction between being converted (saved) and being born again. When you get born again and become a son of God (at least in seed form), you then have the option of becoming a real threat to the kingdom of Hell. We have been taught and taught the sovereignty of God. But we don't understand His plan. Of course, His will is sovereign. In the process of His sovereignty, he has allowed things...things that are horrible. Why? Because He is just. He has total integrity. "I said it would be so, so there it is, such as it is, because I have allowed it and because of My integrity, I will not yet stop it. In the integrity of God, He has allowed this to be set in motion and because of His plan, it's not done yet...what he's allowing. The sovereignty of His plan. This is My plan. This is the way it is. And because of My justness, I can't stop this now. God can't lie. So there are things in His plan that He holds to. We may not like it, but it's His plan. It's His program and He is God. And in His sovereignty, things go on because He allows it.

God is good and His lovingkindness endures forever. If God is good, why do I hurt? If God is good, why is there evil?

What does the word overcome mean? 33 times in the Bible. In Greek: thought of to prevail, to endure, to have power, to be able to gain or accomplish, to reach...to prevail. You're not going to be moved. In the Hebrew means: prevail, to conquer, to carry off the victory, to come off victorious. That's an overcomer. It has to do with victory. I can't be an overcomer unless there's something to overcome. The word makes distinction that there are overcomers and there are not overcomers.

Yes, we suffer because of our sin and what we've done. We also suffer because of who we have chosen to become. I have chosen to be a son of God. Not really realizing at that time, the consequences of that choice. I have decided to become an enemy of the enemy. And that's what we become by choice to be a son of God. No everyone makes that choice. Not everyone has to make that choice. And any Christian that really desires to be an overcomer, has an enemy and one of the prime targets of the enemy because of the damage that he's capable of doing to the enemy's kingdom. If I'm a son of God, my purpose is to destroy the works of the enemy. It's a proactive purpose.

Be of good cheer, I (Jesus) has overcome the world. In the world, you will have tribulation.

The Armor of God (Ephesians 6)

What the Lord showed Micah. Why do I need armor? So I won't get hurt. Armor is something you put on when you go out to battle. Armor is something that you put on because you're going to be an area that you can get hurt...wounded. Almost everyone has been wounded. Somebody's wounded you. Somebody's hurt you. Somebody's betrayed, so forth. This is part of the tribulation we walk in because Jesus was wounded for our transgressions. It was the wounds to His heart when He was rejected by everybody. He came into His own and His own knew Him not. He was wounded. He was hurt so He would understand. Final, mortal wound (*Father rejected Him*). Rejection is something we feel, not something we have. It's all part of the Plan for sons of God for overcomers.

Four pieces of Armour that are very important.

1. **Gird your loins with truth** (area around the hips) – what does this do? (Micah has hands on his hips) It helps me stand. Gird your loins with truth – it has to do with your stand. Having done all to stand, stand, therefore. So, we take a stand and we'll not be moved. I'm like a tree planted by the waters. You're not going to move me. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and everything He did. And I'm not going to be moved with that. You can kill me. Do whatever, but I have taken my stand. And the reason I can stand is because I have the truth of His word. And it's filled my loins. And it's strengthened me in my stand because I know what His word says. You're not going to move me. I know the word of God. It's important that all of us know. Don't do anything until you know the word. Know the word so you can stand in the evil day that we're in.
2. **The Breastplate of Righteousness** – what is that? The breastplate covers your heart. And as you walk in righteousness...right standing with God, but righteousness of walking in God's word. Forgiving. Getting free of fear and so forth. It guards your heart because the enemy wants to harden your heart. Make you bitter towards the Lord. If God is so sovereign, why am I still hurting, etc. Finally, He said, because you're an enemy of the enemy and you got wounded in the battle. So our heart is to be covered with righteousness. Which means that righteousness is doing the right thing according to the word of God, not according to the world.
3. **Shod Myself (feet) with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace** – It has to do with my walk with the Lord. My walk is my – how I walk with the Lord. The ancient pathways it talks about in the Book of Psalms, and so forth. The King's Highway that the word speaks of. That's where I'm walking. The straight and narrow way – the path that I'm walking. And His word is a lamp unto my feet. Our walk needs to be circumspect (*cautious*) in the Lord. And so I shod myself with the shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of peace. What's peace? At peace – peacemakers – forgive – also help people make peace with others. Forgive and walk in peace.
4. **Helmet of Salvation** – the mind. Protect our mind. You know the thoughts that come. You don't have to keep them. You don't have to entertain them. It's very difficult to stop them, but what will stop them is that mind being filled with the mind of Christ and being renewed by the Word of God. And then when the lies come and they're lies. Everything that Satan comes at you with and everything the world comes at you with is a lie. Rebuke the lie and serve God to the end. Helmet of Salvation – salvation is not a ticket to Heaven. Salvation is all that God has for the benefits of His Kingdom. It's healing. It's deliverance. It's blessings. It's favor. It's strength and all of that. Need to partake of the salvation I already have. The weapon is the word of God in the spirit. The sword of the spirit. Got armor, but I've got a weapon. And right here (*pointing to the tongue*) it is. It is written, Satan. It is written and let me tell you what it's written.

Reference 1 John 2 – if I'm going to stay young, I've got to be an aggressive, proactive overcomer. I've got to get into this. I've got to stand up, walk, cover my heart and cover my head, get my sword and kick butt. This is true Christianity. Best preaching is living in the Kingdom...who I am.

(Reference video to hear Micah's teaching on the 7 churches in Revelation)

Repeat with Micah: I am of God and have overcome them because He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world. (*The greater one is in me – must be proactive with this.*)

1 John 5:4: *For whatever is born of God, overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.*

It's up to you to believe this. But if you're going to rise up and become an overcomer and choose to be a son of God and you do any warring, you're going to get hurt. Can't avoid it. And so it is when we're out there proactive, doing things progressively for the Lord, we're going to get hurt. People are going to hurt us. They're going to wound us. They're going to reject us. And the enemy is going to take advantage of things. *God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.* We sowed something and didn't take care of it.

Let's get out of our bitterness toward God. Let's quit blaming Him for any of our problems. And give Him thanks for, Lord, what a joy to be able to suffer for an overcomer's sake. To suffer as a son of God, like You did Jesus. That I may know Him (*as we know*) and the fellowship of His suffering. And I can only fellowship His suffering is when I walk through the same things He walked through. Why must I think that I'm better than He is? But He said, everything that I've suffered, you will suffer. Thank God you don't have to die, because I took care of that for you. It's our choice.

The armor of God is not to keep our deliverance. The armor of God is to aggressively (now that we're free) to go out and attack and clean house. Whatever you've got going on in your life, attack it. Go drive it out.

Micah: As you go today, take with you this understanding and it's up to you to confirm your decision. With what understanding that I've tried to give you today what it means. And remember the promises, Rev 2 and 3...to he who overcomes.

He came out of the grave and He gave gifts to men...that they might equip the saints of God for the work of the ministry. So, be equipped.

You're loving kindness Father is better than life. God You're good. You're always good. You're perfect. There's no evil...no wickedness in You. Praise ye the Lord, for His mercy endures forever and ever. And we declare that, Lord God, Your mercy endures forever and ever.

And I would say this, I minister to you, admit your anger, bitterness problem with God, the Father. Lord give us the honesty and the integrity in our hearts to look deep and see. Let deep call to deep. Let my spirit man search all my innermost parts that I might see any bitterness that I might hold towards You out of my ignorance, out of mis-teachings, out of the lies of the enemy. That it may be routed out that I know that You're perfectly good in everything. That You allowed certain things, Lord, out of Your righteousness and integrity. That we might see that and see beyond the little selves that we have been. And look into the spiritual realm and see the reality and truth of who You are and what You're doing and what we really are dealing with. Give us that truth and light.

Blessing for the Week

And everyone in this room be blessed this week with the revelation, the light of that revelation of how perfect and good Yahweh is. How perfect and good Yahweh is and Yeshua His Son. How perfect and good You are, God. You've never done anything evil or wrong. You've never lied. Neither can You. And we thank you, Father. May that settle into our hearts and minds and loins and feet, in Jesus' name. Amen