*Wednesday, January 26, 2011*

**Overcome**

1 Peter 5:8-10 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: (9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (10) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. (KJV)

You know, our Lord was quite specific in the fact that we are either with Him, or we would be considered against or in opposition to Him. The enemy of the Lord is like a roaring lion, making a lot of noise to see if he can find some easy prey. Remember, our Lord is referred to as the Lion of Judah, so don’t be too surprised if the enemy comes in disguised as one of the Lord’s people as well. So are you fighting the good fight of faith today, as well as offering up some strong resistance, or were you an easy pushover? As you can see in verse 10, those that remain steadfast in their walk and learn to overcome rather than be overcome, yeah they are able to partake of the victory that is rightfully theirs for the taking.

Numbers 32:22-23 And the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before the LORD. (23) But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. (KJV)

Once you have learned to overcome areas that have been a hindrance in the past, things that were considered sin, it is imperative that you stay guiltless before the Lord, and not allow these things back in to your life. Just like a roaring lion, satan will find the weak easy prey, mostly by the sounds they make giving away their weakness. Any sin or things that you think you can hide from the Lord will stay in front of you and keep you from moving forward victoriously in your walk. However, by giving ear to the Lord and allowing Him to show you how to remove these spiritual barriers, it will put these detours behind you where they belong.

2 Corinthians 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (KJV)

Oh you know when something isn’t right; you know those things you only do when you think no one else is around? Yeah, those are the things that you need to put behind you so that you can be the head and not the tail. Your Bible is quite specific in the fact that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Here is a little tidbit as well, if you can’t say something to someone’s face first, then you have no reason to say it to everyone else’s.

Ephesians 5:11-13 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. (12) For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. (13) But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. (KJV)

The reason people do things in secret, is that most likely they know it isn’t right and not something that our Lord would approve of. You will find that the Lord will shed some light at times on people we choose to fellowship with; however, the reality is that they are not very edifying or uplifting. So how do you handle the light when it is shined in your closet, you know that place that you think that you have been hiding things? Do you desire to be in good standing with our Lord as well as an overcomer, or will you run from the light and stay in darkness?