

Faith to Overcome your Trials

Fe para Vencer tus Pruebas

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What trials or difficulties are you facing in your life right now?

Are you or someone you love going through a difficult situation?

Are you in the middle of a test that seems impossible to overcome?

If so, I want to remind you that *no one gets out of this life without encountering some difficulties.*

But in the middle of trials and difficulties James (the Brother of Jesus) tells us what to do.

Obviously, he'd been through his own trials and can speak to this.

I too have been through my own trials in the past, as some of you are well aware, but this word is one I've held onto for years which allowed me to overcome and keep moving forward.

So, here's what James tells us.

Santiago 1:2 Hermanos míos, considérense muy dichosos cuando tengan que enfrentarse con diversas pruebas, 3pues ya saben que la prueba de su fe produce constancia. 4Y la constancia debe llevar a feliz término la obra, para que sean perfectos e íntegros, sin que les falte nada.

Pure joy? You should feel blessed when you face various trials?

Come on when was the last time you really felt this way when you encountered trouble?

Nonetheless, let's hear clearly what James is saying here.

We must remember that our faith being tested will produce **perseverance** / constancia!

But I want to remind you that what you're going through right now will one day come to pass! It will pass on and you will still be here!

Let me also remind you of another statement made by Paul.

1 Corintios 10:13 Ustedes no han sufrido ninguna tentación que no sea común al género humano. Pero Dios es fiel, y no permitirá que ustedes sean tentados más allá de lo que puedan aguantar. Más bien, cuando llegue la tentación, él les dará también una salida a fin de que puedan resistir.

No matter what you come against there is a way out. Resist with patience.

So, my goal today is to remind you of an important part of standing against your trials and overcoming them.

You will need faith to overcome your trials.

Yes, you heard me, right? You will need faith.

But faith requires courage!

Let's get into some examples of an overcomer in the Old Testament and what he had to do.

Moses led the children of Israel from Egypt through the desert. However, God had a plan to show the Egyptians that He's the real living God, unlike all the idols that they worshiped. So as Moses is leading the Israelites, we come to this interesting passage in Exodus 14

10El faraón iba acercándose. Cuando los israelitas se fijaron y vieron a los egipcios pisándoles los talones, sintieron mucho miedo y clamaron al SEÑOR. 11Entonces le reclamaron a Moisés:

—¿Acaso no había sepulcros en Egipto, que nos sacaste de allá para morir en el desierto? ¿Qué has hecho con nosotros? ¿Para qué nos sacaste de Egipto? 12Ya en Egipto te decíamos: “¡Déjanos en paz! ¡Preferimos servir a los egipcios!” ¡Mejor nos hubiera sido servir a los egipcios que morir en el desierto!

First, from verses 10-12, we can see that they started murmuring and complaining to Moses when they saw that Pharaoh and his army were about to catch up with them.

You have to understand that they didn't have anywhere to go. They were caught between 2 mountains and the Red Sea in front of them, with the Egyptian army fast approaching behind them.

Here's something for you to consider: What we see in our worst circumstances, God can actually get glory through it. God doesn't see our troubles through the same eye that we do!

(Remember in John 9, when Jesus passed by a man blind from birth the disciples asked Him who sinned that caused a young man to be blind? Was it his parents? What's the cause?

Jesus answered them that God is going to get glory and He healed the young man).

So, in the middle of your mess, God will get glory when you allow Him to work with you.

But there's one more requirement and this is an important one. Let's continue with Exodus 14

13—No tengan miedo —les respondió Moisés—. Mantengan sus posiciones, que hoy mismo serán testigos de la salvación que el SEÑOR realizará en favor de ustedes. A esos egipcios que hoy ven, ¡jamás volverán a verlos! 14Ustedes quédense quietos, que el SEÑOR presentará batalla por ustedes.

15 Pero el SEÑOR le dijo a Moisés: «¿Por qué clamas a mí? ¡Ordena a los israelitas que se pongan en marcha! 16 Y tú, levanta tu vara, extiende tu brazo sobre el mar y divide las aguas, para que los israelitas lo crucen sobre terreno seco.

Wait? Did you see what I saw? **Did you hear what God told Moses?** I will repeat it for you in my terms.

In the middle of your trouble, you must recognize that God has your back, but you must still use your authority to declare what shall be.

Moses told the Israelites that God will fight for them, and it's true. God was with them all along. **However, notice that God told Moses to take authority and decree what shall be, and take action!**

My question to you is “Are you taking your authority in the middle of your battle knowing that God has given you authority to overcome the situation?”

What I'm saying to you is in the middle of the fight **you better open your mouth and confront the situation!**

Isn't that what Isaiah tells us?

Isaías 54:17 NVI - No prevalecerá ninguna arma que se forje contra ti;

toda lengua que te acuse será refutada.

Esta es la herencia de los siervos del SEÑOR,

la justicia que de mí procede

—afirma el SEÑOR—.

I like the RVA2015 (Reina Valera Actualizada)

17 No prosperará ninguna herramienta que sea fabricada contra ti. **Tú condenarás toda lengua que se levante contra ti en el juicio.** Esta es la heredad de los siervos del SEÑOR, y su vindicación de parte mía”, dice el SEÑOR.

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17 No saldrá victoriosa ninguna arma que se forje contra ti. **Y tú condenarás a toda lengua que en el juicio se levante contra ti.** Esta es la herencia de los siervos del Señor. Su salvación viene de mí. Yo, el Señor, lo he dicho.

The point here is to remind you that **you have a part to play in all this!**

Weapons will be formed. Pharaoh will follow at times!

And you know what? Sometimes, you will start murmuring but hopefully after today's message you will remember this and...

Come to your senses and take your authority!

Moses had a staff!

David had a slingshot and 5 rocks!

But notice that **they all used their words when they confronted the situation.**

In the story of David and Goliath I want you to see how he comes against Goliath

1 Samuel 17 –

45David le contestó:

—Tú vienes contra mí con espada, lanza y jabalina, pero yo vengo a ti en el nombre del SEÑOR Todopoderoso, el Dios de los ejércitos de Israel, a quien has desafiado. 46Hoy mismo el SEÑOR te entregará en mis manos; **y yo te mataré y te cortaré la cabeza.**

(Wait a minute? Where's David's sword? He only had a slingshot! Hmm...!)

Hoy mismo echaré los cadáveres del ejército filisteo a las aves del cielo y a las fieras del campo, **y todo el mundo sabrá que hay un Dios en Israel.**

We know that David's words come to pass – He cut Goliath's head with the giant's own sword!

But there's something more powerful I want you to see in all this.

The reason you must overcome your trials is because the world needs to know that the Living God is with you and for you!

That's why you must allow patience to grow as you step out in faith!

You must get to the point where you don't just believe but actually **SPEAK what you believe.**

Release your FAITH!

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

2 Corintios 4:13

'Escrito está: «Creí, y por eso hablé». Con ese mismo espíritu de fe también nosotros creemos, y por eso hablamos. '

Here's the last example I have for you in Jesus. He cursed a fig tree that was pretending to have fruit, and killed it, but his disciples didn't see it until the next day. When they were amazed, He explained to them the importance of releasing their faith.

Mark 11:22-23

22 —**Tengan fe en Dios** —respondió Jesús—. 23 **Les aseguro que, si alguno le dice a este monte: “Quítate de ahí y tírate al mar”, creyendo, sin abrigar la menor duda de que lo que dice sucederá, lo obtendrá.**

But many of us don't really believe this. This is a law of God's Kingdom. If you speak to something with faith, it will surely come to pass!

Remember what God told Moses? You take your authority (the staff) and speak to the Red Sea and cause it to split! Tell the Israelites to advance and cross it!

In essence, Jesus is teaching us this same law. Many times, we want to ask God to do it, but He's saying **you already have the authority to do it**, just like He told Moses!

You need to release your faith and see what you believe come to pass! Just like David did!

Some may say, I've spoken stuff and it didn't come to pass.

And I'll answer "You are right. You just had what you said."

But Jesus answers this better than I ever could. Listen to Him.

Mark 11:24 **Por eso les digo: Crean que ya han recibido todo lo que estén pidiendo en oración, y lo obtendrán.**

This part causes many to stumble because we're like but how can I receive it when I don't see it? Exactly! You need to step into the spiritual realm, and stop looking with your eyes!

For we live by faith, not by sight!

Faith comes from your heart! You must speak to your situation! You must tell it what to do and where to go!

You can't do this if you're in doubt! If in doubt, then you're not in faith.

Let faith build in your heart so you can effectively release it. David built his faith by his works – he fought a lion and won. He fought a bear and won.

So, by the time he came to a giant soldier in Goliath, David already knew how to exercise his faith and act on it.

It's not simply in the act of speaking, but what you do after you speak it!

Remember the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5. She spoke what she believed, and she took action on it. Jairus also took action when he came to Jesus to heal his daughter.

The one that amazed Jesus was the centurion who understood the power of words, the authority they give us in the spiritual realm. (Read the story in Matthew 8)

Mateo 8:6 —Señor, mi siervo está postrado en casa con parálisis, y sufre terriblemente.

7 —Iré a sanarlo —respondió Jesús.

8—Señor, no merezco que entres bajo mi techo. Pero basta con que digas una sola palabra, y mi siervo quedará sano. 9Porque yo mismo soy un hombre sujeto a órdenes superiores, y además tengo soldados bajo mi autoridad. Le digo a uno: “Ve”, y va, y al otro: “Ven”, y viene. Le digo a mi siervo: “Haz esto”, y lo hace.

10Al oír esto, Jesús se asombró y dijo a quienes lo seguían:

—Les aseguro que no he encontrado en Israel a nadie que tenga tanta fe.

Jesus said He had never seen that kind of faith, not even in Israel. This man went home, and his servant was healed.

Let me remind you. God is looking for you to take your place of authority so He can get glory in the earth!

He wants people to know that you are walking with Him. There is a God with you! He’s the living God!

After all He gave you the keys to His kingdom. Whatever you release on earth through your words, Heaven will back you up!

If your words weren’t that important and didn’t carry such authority on the earth why is it that you will be judged for every idle word you speak? (See Matthew 12)

36Pero yo les digo que en el día del juicio todos tendrán que dar cuenta de toda palabra ociosa que hayan pronunciado. 37Porque por tus palabras se te absolverá, y por tus palabras se te condenará».

Your words spoken in faith to any situation will change the atmosphere. You have authority in the earth!

He wants you to be His witness to the world that He’s still doing supernatural miracles and is the God of the impossible!

That’s why you need to overcome your troubles! That’s why you must overcome every circumstance! It’s for His glory! Jesus left His Spirit on earth with us so we would overcome the giants of this life!

Romanos 8:37

'Sin embargo, en todo esto somos más que vencedores por medio de aquel que nos amó. '

So here's the end of the story that James shares with us:

Santiago 1:5 Si a alguno de ustedes le falta sabiduría, pídasela a Dios, y él se la dará, pues Dios da a todos generosamente sin menospreciar a nadie. 6 Pero que pida con fe, sin dudar, porque quien duda es como las olas del mar, agitadas y llevadas de un lado a otro por el viento. 7 Quien es así no piense que va a recibir cosa alguna del Señor; 8 es indeciso e inconstante en todo lo que hace.

Say with me "That's not me! I am decisive and I stand against my circumstances with faith in action!"

I am an overcomer! / Yo soy un/a vencedor/a!

I have overcome the circumstances of this life because of Him who loves me. (Rom 8:37)

I am more than a conqueror! (Rom 8:37)

I will take God's word as my sword and will fight the good fight of faith! (1 Titus 6:12)

I will not stumble. (Prov 3:3)

God perfects all that concerns me. (Ps 138:8)

I have victory through Jesus Christ! (1 Cor 15:57)

I will open my mouth and speak to my circumstances! (Mark 11:23)

I will not let them speak more to me than I do to them!

I have the faith to overcome everything that stands against me! (Mark 11:22)

I condemn every tongue that rises against me in judgment! (Isa 54:17)

I have the faith of God! (Mark 11:22)

Covid shall not touch me or my family!

I stand against this disease and send it back to the pit of Hell from whence it came.

I receive the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. (Phil 4:7)

I stand against any sickness or disease in my body!

I am healed by the Blood of Jesus because He took my diseases and infirmities on the cross! (Matt 8:17)

Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Savior! Thank you, Lord!

Amen! Amen! Amen!