



Over-comer's Encounter



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Over-comers' Encounter by Pastor Kolawole Carew

The faithfulness of God over our lives remains key in the demonstration of His power that we have experienced in the last ten months. We are grateful to the Almighty God for looking upon us with great compassion and preserving our lives. The year 2015 has been fulfilling and a year that is full of spiritual bliss. I welcome you to the month of an "overcomers' encounter" in all facets of lives in Jesus name. The enriching overcoming experience of the Almighty God will be our portion this eleventh month in Jesus name.

The stage for an overcomers encounter has been prepared for us this eleventh month in Jesus name. The red sea was the stage prepared for the children of Israel to overcome the bondage of the Egyptians. In this encounter, the Israelites eventually and finally overcame fear, torture, oppression, slavery, poverty and death. In line with the scriptures "He that overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my sons" Revelation 21:7. In all things this month we will have an overcomers experience in Jesus name.

An over-comer's encounter comes with steadfastness, dedication and commitment to living a holy life and obedience to the word of God. Furthermore in Revelation 3:7 & 8 we are also made to understand that we only need a little strength to outwit or out rightly conquer the enemy of our destiny. Bearing this in mind the church in Philadelphia was of a little strength but overcame because of their works of righteousness. This eleventh month as you live holy "an open door meant for over-comers is open before you in Jesus name".

The bible confirms this in Revelations 3:8--"I know thy works, behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength and have kept my word, and has not denied my name" As a church family we are over-comers in Jesus name. Similarly God has taken special interest in us this eleventh month to make us pillars in his temple as we have that over-comers' encounter with him (Revelation 3:12). The eleventh month represents the eleventh hour in our lives. This month the blessings of the eleventh hour is our

portion in Jesus name. The Lord of the vineyard is prepared to bless us in Jesus name (Matthew 20: 6-10). For us to be beneficiaries of the eleventh hour, we must not entertain idle talk, and must ensure that we use our time in a productive manner. It is my prayer that in this eleventh month we will experience the blessings of an over-comer in Jesus name. Keep trusting the Almighty God for this blossom encounter as we wrap up the year 2015.

Over-comers are followers who resist the powers and the temptations of the world system. It is good to mention that an over-comer is not a sinless person, but he who holds his faith in Christ until the end. An over-comer stands firm and refuse temptation. He resists the devil. He does not run away when the going gets tough. To be an over-comer, you must completely depend on God's direction, purpose, fulfillment and strength to follow God's plan for your live. The Bible says in Romans 8:37 that "in all these things, we are more than the conquerors through him who loved us". He who must over-come must be willing to endure (Matthew 24:13).

The Bible says in John 16:33 that "these things have I spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation, but take courage; I have over-come the world". It is a known fact that this world is not a perfect place, but we have an assurance in Christ that Jesus has overcome the world. No matter how terrible our experiences might be, Christ has assured us that we are over-comers. Paul in his book to the Romans (Romans 12:21) said we should go beyond salvation and achieve victory over our sinful nature in order to be qualified for the crown. Paul used the word "over-comer" more saying that those who believe in Jesus Christ as the son of God are over-comers.

I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. (1 John 2:14)

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:3-4)

Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. (1 John 5:4-5).

We have power to over-come evil powers, spirit of the antichrist, and the world. This can be done through faith, by believing that Jesus Christ is the son of God. Our faith makes us appear holy and blameless, not our behaviour which will never qualify us. The book of Revelation 2:7 promised that we shall eat from the

Tree of Life; (2:11) be unharmed by the second death; (2:17) eat hidden manna and be given a new name; (2:26) have authority over the nations. The world will hate us for the sake of his name, but he who endures to the end will be saved (Mark 13:13).

Joke of the Month

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick. 'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?' 'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.'

'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced. 'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris.

After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother.

'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly. 'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed.

'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded.

'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They have a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick" '.

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Happy New Month!!!

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