

# **Empowered Life International Ministries**

## **3 Day Devotional (April 15-17, 2025)**

### **Risen & Ready: Overcoming Through Jesus**

#### **Day 1 (Tuesday, Apr 15): Living a Life of Submission**

**Scriptures:** Philippians 2:5-8. *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Read Philippians 2:5-11.*

#### **Discussion:**

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the ultimate example of loving obedience and submission to the Father. Through the salvific propitiation on the cross, Jesus redeemed us from the penalty of sin, making us the righteousness of God. He humbled himself and died so we could surrender our lives and glorify God like lights shining brightly for Jesus. Submission to God is a daily choice not of weakness, but strength rooted in trust that God's plans are better than our plans; even when we don't know what those plans are. Submission is also evident when we quiet ourselves, hold our tongue and let the Lord fight our battles. Finally, although the enemy works to deceive and distract us, when we resist the enemy and submit to God, we position ourselves for victory over evil (James 4:7) and no weapon that is formed against us will prosper (Isaiah 54:17).

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- Is there anything in me that recoils at the thought of submitting to God, or submitting to others ((spouses (Ephesians 5:21), religious and political leaders (Romans 13:1), etc.)? If so, why?
- Am I allowing my will for this season of life to drown out God's will? Do I sometimes submit to God only after my plans have failed?

#### **Next Steps:**

- Identify one area where you are struggling with submission to God. Make a commitment to yield that area to Him today.

- Create a daily habit of prayer where you start the day by submitting your day to God, asking Him to guide you to demonstrate His love in everything you do, and to help you resist temptation.

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## Day 2 (Wednesday, Apr 16): Making Jesus Lord

**Scripture:** Romans 10:9 – *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

### Discussion:

To declare "Jesus is Lord" means we acknowledge His sovereignty over every area of our life—our relationships, our decisions, our desires, and our actions. In doing so, we commit to a deeper relationship with Him, one where He is not only the Savior who rescues us but the loving Lord who guides us. Jesus' lordship calls us to a life of submission, where we trust His authority and choose His path over our own. It may require making difficult choices and letting go of pride; it will also require aligning our priorities with His priorities rather than the priorities of the world.

### Reflection Question:

- Is there a specific decision or situation in my life where I'm struggling to make Jesus Lord? How can I surrender that to Him today?

### Next Steps:

- Take time to pray and declare Jesus as Lord over any area of your life where you've been holding back control.

## Day 3 (Thursday, Apr 17): Living the Life of an Overcomer

**Scripture:** 1 John 5:4 – *For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

### Discussion:

As Believers in Jesus Christ, and the righteousness of God, we are called to be overcomers. Overcoming doesn't mean a life free from challenges, but rather having the faith and strength to conquer those challenges through Christ. Jesus has already secured the victory over sin, death, and every form of opposition. He rose with all power and authority, and has empowered and commanded us to walk in that authority: living a life of righteousness; sharing the good news of our Jesus; discipling others; and exercising spiritual authority to speak life into dormant areas and proclaim light in dark situations. The world will try to pull us in different directions, tempting us with distractions, fear, and doubt; tempting us with pride, pleasantries, and perceived power. However, our faith in Jesus and our commitment to serving Him, is the key to overcoming obstacles and walking in victory through Jesus.

### Reflection Question:

- In what areas of my life do I sometimes feel defeated or powerless?  
How can I renew my faith in Jesus' victory over those areas?

### Next Steps

- Encourage someone who may be struggling with overcoming obstacles in their faith. Remind them who they are IN Christ.
- Take time to write down whatever obstacles or struggles you are facing; surrender those areas to Jesus through prayer and declare (while reminding yourself) that He has already overcome them. Walk in victory, relying on His strength.

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## **Final Reflection:**

During this holy week and period of consecration, our prayer is that this 3-day devotional will help deepen your relationship with God through prayer, meditating on His word, fully surrendering all areas of your life to Him, and walking in the authority given to us through Jesus' sacrifice for us.

## **Consecration Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thankful for loving us and choosing us to be the righteousness of God, and victorious through the finished work of Jesus Christ. Thank You for calling us to be overcomers, not by our might or our strength, but by the power of Your Holy Spirit that lives within us. Thank you that your resurrection power gave us new life, and empowers us to walk in righteousness and spiritual authority.

Help us, Lord, to not be distracted by the noise of the world or shaken by fear and uncertainty. Instead, let our faith and commitment to Your Word guide us in all things. May we be faithful to our calling: to share the good news of Jesus, to make disciples, and to live a life that glorifies you. Let us walk in victory, knowing that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

We declare and seal this time of consecration in the name of Jesus — thanking You for transformation, renewal, and the power to live boldly as overcomers through Jesus Christ. Amen.



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