Lessons IN OVERCOMING
CONVERSATIONS WITH Corrie ten Boom
SMALL GROUP STUDY

Session 3: More Than Conquerors

As Christians, our story is inseparable from the Jewish people—through them came Scripture, the covenants, the prophets, and our Messiah. In this session, we hear how Corrie and her fellow prisoners clung to the Bible and boldly declared, "We are more than conquerors!" Their survival rested on trusting that God's truth shines brightest in darkness. What kind of Christians will we be? Will we stand as lights in dark and oppressive places, or will we shrink back? We must learn from Corrie and also proclaim, "We are more than conquerors over evil!"

Scriptures

Read through the verses below, then choose one verse for your group to memorize this week.

Romans 8:37–39 (NIV®)
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm 36:9 (NIV®)
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Romans 1:16 (NIV®)
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV®)
Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Where do you see antisemitism in our world today? What can Christians do to recognize and address antisemitism in their communities? What will you do?

2. Have you experienced a time in your own life when someone else's love for the Bible was a beacon to you? How can you intentionally share your love for Jesus in places of despair and hurt in a way that can bring hope and help to others, just as Corrie and Betsie did?

3. What would have happened if Corrie and Betsie hadn't been sent to Ravensbrück? How did God use their time there for His purposes?

4. Corrie says, “In darkness, God’s truth shines most clear.” This seems counter-intuitive, but that’s often how God works—His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8–9). Give some examples of how God’s ways are different than man’s ways. When has God shown this to you in a personal way?

5. We have no way of knowing what God will bring forth out of difficult situations. How can you live your life purposefully for His Kingdom in the midst of difficulty?

6. Corrie shares how the guards stayed far away from their flea-infested barracks, enabling them to hold their Bible studies. God provided something they initially despised—fleas—for their protection. When in your life has the Lord used something for good that was once a complaint?

7. Corrie and Betsie could have easily surrendered to the fear of being caught and not shared the gospel with their friends. Where have we surrendered to evil and fear in our culture and in our personal lives? What can you do to gain back the ground you’ve lost?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray for the Jewish people and the people in the land of Israel. They face great threats and intimidation. I come today, Lord, not in my own strength, wisdom, or resources, but in the mighty name of my living God. I ask You to deliver Israel and the Jewish people from those who plot their destruction. Raise up voices across the earth to stand on their behalf, and give me the courage I need to stand for them, too. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Dig Deeper

If you’re ready to explore this topic even more, we’ve assembled some resources to help you here: **wochurch.org/overcoming**

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