Lessons IN OVERCOMING
CONVERSATIONS WITH Corrie ten Boom
SMALL GROUP STUDY

Session 4: God's Sovereignty

We all love good news, but what we really need is true news. Many churches today tell people only what they want to hear. While it's true that God is love, He is also just and allows suffering to bring people into His Kingdom and fulfill His purposes. Corrie's life shows us that suffering is often part of God's work, but thankfully God doesn't abandon us in those difficult places. With her dying breath, Betsie implored Corrie to share, "There is no pit so deep that His love is not deeper still." Christ's love outshines all suffering, and He is victorious over suffering and evil—now and always!

Scriptures

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

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV®)
Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Romans 5:3–5 (NIV®)
Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Revelation 12:11 (NIV®)
"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

Discussion Questions

1. Throughout the Bible, we see a pattern: Great turmoil often happens alongside great movements of God. Share an example from the Bible. How do you see this pattern unfolding in our world today? When have you experienced this pattern in your own life?

2. Corrie said she learned the sovereignty of God by listening to her father pray at the head of their dining room table. Do the people in your life—especially the children—see similar patterns in you? What changes can you make this week to more intentionally share a godly example?

3. Corrie and Betsie pray, "Lord, keep me in Your will. Don't let me go mad, poking about outside it." Share an experience where you realized you were "poking around outside of God's will." How did you come to this realization, and what did you learn?

4. Corrie tells us, “Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives, is the perfect preparation for a future only He can see.” How have you seen this in your own life?

5. In a moment of despair, Corrie wondered, “Does God see? Can His power reach even where I am?” How have you experienced God reaching you or someone you love, even in the depths of great despair?

6. What do the words “Christ Is Victor—Now and Always” mean to you?

7. What are you doing to stay informed of the current events involving our Jewish brothers and sisters? What are some specific ways we can be praying for them today?

Prayer

Father, we are a blessed people. We thank You and acknowledge Your sovereignty and Your blessings upon us, as a people. Give us courage to be good examples to those around us and to stand boldly for the truth of Your Word. Lord, we lift up those who are suffering and ask that You will sustain them with Your mercy and strength. We pray for the Jewish people—Lord, protect them—and we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May Your name be praised in all the earth! 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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