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Jesus told His disciples that as long as they were in this world they would encounter tribulation, but to be of good cheer because He had overcome this world. Overcoming in the face of tribulation, testing, trials, and temptations is a two step process. First, there is victory we can experience in our moment, even before we are delivered from the pressures of the situation. This victory does not depend on our circumstances changing but us changing in our circumstances. This victory strengthens our faith. Victory in our situation is but a prelude to gaining victory over our situation and seeing our circumstances change to our favor.

Sometimes God requires we gain victory in the situation before we gain victory over the situation. Get a strong mental attitude about having God on your side. If God is for you, who can successfully be against you?

*Prayer for Today*

God, I know that You will never leave me nor forsake me. My life, my joy, my future, and my success are not dependent on the circumstances of life. I believe that with You all things are possible. Give me the grace to see Your finished work in me, even before I see things change.

*Scriptures for Today*

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. (NKJV)

Psalms 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. (KJV)

Romans 8:31b If God be for us, who can be against us? (KJV)