

A STRONG SPIRIT

You Can Overcome Anything

- I. **Jesus was strong and didn't draw back and this is why he won-Hb12:2**-Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured (not recede or flee, stay under, have fortitude, persevere) the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- A. We are to be like our master-Not cowering and caving under the pressure, but being strong and bearing up under it – That is impossible without being strong on the inside
 - B. Considering him is supposed to strengthen us and inspire is to press on
 - C. He set his face like a rock and wouldn't quit-IT TAKES THIS TO WIN-Is50:7-For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed; **CEV**-So I refuse to give up; **ERV**-I will be strong; **Is53:12-MSG**-He looked death in the face and didn't flinch
 - D. All victories are not instant and no victories are without resistance-You have to be strong on the inside to persevere in pressure and get the victory
- II. **When you're strong on the inside there's nothing you can't overcome**
- A. The ability to be content no matter the circumstance is the definition of strength-Ph4:11-Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. ¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.
 - 1. The circumstances don't affect you-This means you're strong
 - 2. His strong spirit enabled him to be content-Content-Independent of external circumstances; W1828-A mind at peace, not disturbed in the present condition
 - 3. When you're going through hell, but you still have your faith, peace and joy this is being strong-Col1:11-*Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; **AC**- [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy; **ISV**-You are being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might, so that you might patiently endure everything with joy; **TLB**-We are praying, too, that you will be filled with his mighty, glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens—always full of the joy of the Lord; **VO**-Strengthen them with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might, so that they will have everything they need to hold on and endure hardship patiently and joyfully.*
 - B. If you tap into the strength of God, you can overcome anything, get through anything-Paul was being strengthened on the inside by the strength of God and he was unaffected by what was happening to him because of the strength within him