



Overcoming our Weaknesses

Many times we think that the weak areas in us could mark us for defeat, or hinder us from fully expressing everything God has called us to, but that is not what God says in His word. Remember that Moses stuttered, but still, God said to him that just as He gave him a mouth, He also had the power to cause his mouth to work properly.

God even got offended when Moses told Him that he *could not* be the man for the assignment God was calling him to because of his stuttering condition. He was convinced that what he thought was an impediment (defect, hindrance) would get in the way of fulfilling God's assignment successfully.

2 Corinthians 12:9 says,

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast

all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

God can override our weaknesses when it is time for us to use our gifts and help us by His Holy Spirit to function as if there was no impediment.

I remember when I was a teenager, I went to a few block parties in my neighborhood with friends from my youth group. There I would see a young man that was deaf and mute. But when he hit the dance floor, no one could tell he could not hear the music he was dancing to. He was one of the best dancers in that place. Everyone admired him for his dancing abilities and all the girls wanted to dance with him. I would even see some jaws drop when people found out the young man was deaf and mute.

I also watched a contestant in one of the popular TV singing competitions who had a heavy stutter when he spoke, but when he started singing, no one could guess that he had that speaking impediment. He had a powerful singing voice and a couple of the judges commended him for being brave and coming on the show to sing even though speaking was challenging for him.

Another example: A young lady wanted to try out for a singing competition but she had a major social anxiety disorder that caused her to isolate herself from others, and avoid crowds. However, the desire to sing was tugging at her heart. Because of her faith, she relied on God's Spirit to get her through, and went to the audition. Much to her surprise, she found herself comfortable around the other singers and in an environment that touched her heart. She found herself unhindered to sing, and had no anxiety during her audition, landing her a leading role in the production.

Overcoming for Others

God also empowers us by His Holy Spirit to go beyond our abilities to accomplish things on behalf of others. At times our excuses arise when we feel God is asking us to do something for someone else because we think we don't have what it takes to do it for others. The voices of the world will tell us that we can't, but God smiles at us and with encouragement, nudges us to go on because He's with us.

The more we understand that He's with us and has **empowered** us, the easier it is for us to respond to His promptings to do something or use our gifts to bless and serve others. There's such a freedom in knowing this because being anointed also means that we have been trained and have overcome some challenges that empowered us to partner with God to release His healing touch through our gifts on behalf of others.

We don't need to fear this because as we continue with the example of David mentioned in Chapter Five (Your Purpose and Dreams), and how God used him even before he became King of Israel, we will see that God had trained David to defeat a lion and then a bear. These victories ensured that David was empowered by God to drive out the opposition from the enemy **not only against him** but also **on behalf of others** as we saw he was able to do for King Saul.

1 Samuel 17:34-35 also says,

“But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.’”

David was blessed and anointed by God to subdue (to overcome or bring under control) the lion and the bear and not allow them to defeat him or eat the sheep God had put under his care. In the same way, when we walk with God and partner with Him as we bless and serve others, we will see how He has given us the power to overcome the obstacles in front of us.

Not only that, but He also empowers and anoints us to help others remove the obstacles before them when we follow the leading of the One who brings this empowerment—the Holy Spirit of God. And like David, who, because of his training was not afraid to confront the challenges in front of him because he saw them as something that God could help him overcome just as He did before. So we can look at those challenges as an opportunity for God to show His power in our lives and through us.

Rules to live by and have been taught by God:

(1) **ASK – PRAY** Do not chase after it or rely on your own strength. It is not by your might or your power, but by God's Spirit. You have not because you ASK not - Ask and it shall be given. Do not be anxious for anything, instead, pray and make your request known to God, and peace that passes all understanding shall guard your heart and mind. For you have this confidence in Him, that whatever you ask HE hears you, and if you know He hears whatever you ask, then you know you have the request you have made.

(2) **SPEAK** – Speak things that are not as if they already are. Whatever you SAY and do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say shall happen, it shall be done FOR YOU! Man shall live by the fruit of his lips. Death and life, blessing and cursing are in the power of the TONGUE.

Choose (speak) Life, Choose (speak) blessing. Speak words that support and uplift your dreams, prayers and requests.

(3) **GIVE THANKS – IN ALL** things, pray with THANKSGIVING. A grateful heart increases a man's capacity to receive and to give. Giving thanks places focus on what IS rather than what is NOT – therefore bringing more of what the heart is grateful for to the grateful life.

(4) **WRITE DOWN** – Write down the vision on tablets, make it plain so those who see it will run. Wait for it, although it may take time. Read the vision daily, giving thanks for it, feeling the emotion of having it already, and having the assurance that it is certainly already on it's way. It will certainly come.

(5) **THOUGHTS** – Keep thoughts on a high vibration, positive, and truthful. Meditate upon your hopes in faithful expectation they are already on their way. Live in the reality as though they are true right now. Teach yourself how to operate on the level of that reality. (As a man thinks, so is he.) Meditate on things that are uplifting and positive, that create good feelings within therefore drawing to you only those things that make you feel those good feelings. You are creating your life every moment with every feeling. Thoughts cause feelings, and feelings draw things to us on that same vibrational wave. Your confidence has a great reward

(6) **LET GO** – Let it go, release it and stop looking at it. A watched pot never boils, a watched phone never rings. Pull your attention away from it and onto other (positive) things with full confidence it is taken care of. Surrender All to the Divine Creator knowing all things are coming to you by Divine Law and in Divine Order through Divine Love and you can let go and trust it is all working out for you GOOD.

Finally, it will show up at the right time. Trust the process, it does not always unfold in the manner you desire or in the time you want. But it is ALWAYS on time, and is ALWAYS better than you imagined!