

Core Strength: Practicing a Faith that Overcomes

Life Steps | June 25 & 26, 2016

Day 1

Genesis 1:1-4; John 1:1-5

God overcomes the darkness with his light. Where do you see the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, revealed from the beginning? (Hint: Jesus is the WORD.) How is this triune relationship more powerful together? What does the power of light mean for your life, literally & spiritually?

Day 2

Romans 12:9-21; 1 John 4:8-16

God overcomes apathetic hatred with love in action. How does being in the light help us act in love? How does darkness enhance apathetic behavior? Is your heart engaged with others daily? Name actions of love toward family and neighbors; confess times of apathy.

Day 3

Mark 9:14-29; 1 John 5:20

God overcomes death by being life. How is Jesus life for this boy and father? Who provides the belief/gift of understanding? How were "love in action" and "seeing the light" the only steps the father took toward Jesus? What daily life choices do you make to meet Jesus?

Day 4

Luke 8:26-39; 1 John 5:13-16

Life is in Jesus for those who ask. Who can make requests of God? In Luke 8:31, who made a request? Granted? Who received life? Who did not? What ruled the Gerasenes' request? Granted? What did the Gerasenes' sin lead to? What requests have you made? Granted?

Day 5

John 16:16-33; 1 John 5:19

Joy is complete in Jesus. Is Jesus saying we should never be upset or sad? Why not? What past experiences help you know joy more fully? Describe your grief and joy. If you don't know joy, what can you do? Can true joy ever be removed? How does this knowledge bring peace?

Day 6

Acts 10:1-48; 1 John 5:18

Peace for all exists in Jesus. Who is the One born of God who keeps us safe? How did Cornelius make a request of God? Granted? Who does God accept? Why? What role did Jesus play in the acceptance of Gentiles? Do you need peace? How then should you pray?

Day 7

Luke 10:1-24; 1 John 5:4

Victory is in Jesus. Who was empowered by Jesus? To do what? Were they specially trained and prepared? How should they rejoice for this powerful experience? How did Jesus rejoice at that moment? How should you rejoice for having been empowered as an overcomer?