

TRIUMPHANT LIVING IN TURBULENT TIMES

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The Gathering

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For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he/she who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

I JOHN 5:4-5

I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him for that day.

II TIMOTHY 1:12

A TRIUMPHANT FAITH

The image features a vibrant blue background with several white diagonal lines that create a sense of movement and depth. A black triangle is positioned in the top-left corner, adding a modern, geometric touch to the design. The text 'A TRIUMPHANT FAITH' is centered in a bold, white, sans-serif font, standing out prominently against the blue backdrop.

A violent or unsteady movement of air or water or some other fluid: the plane shuddered as it entered some turbulence.

TURBULENCE:NOUN

It's a time of political turbulence.

The term turbulence is also defined as “conflict.”

There are issues on your job.

To be triumphant is to be victorious and it also means that you can be exultant, have the feeling or express jubilation after having won a major victory or mastered a difficulty.

We can be triumphant in
turbulent times through faith!

For everyone born of God
“conquers” the world.
This is the “conquering” that has
“conquered” the world,
even our faith.

You need to understand
this evening, what your
“rights” are in Christ.

You are an overcomer; you are
more than a conqueror, through
Christ who loves you.

The word “authority” means
“to be allowed, to have permission,
the right, the freedom and power
to do anything.”

It is taken from a word that “denies
the presence of a hindrance.”

It is having the right as well as the
might or power to do something.

Greater is he that is with you than
he who is in the world.

Triumphant faith is faith in God!

Who is it that overcomes the world,
that lives in victory every day, he or
she who believes that Jesus is the
Christ the Son of God.

Our faith must matured from a
saving faith to a confident reliance
and trust in God.

“Can we really trust God?”

Can I trust God?

I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed to him for that day.

II TIMOTHY 1:12

The God, who has saved and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace, is faithful.

God is faithful. This is where Paul
stakes his claim.

God is our refuge and our strength,
A present help in times of trouble.

He will keep in perfect peace those
whose minds are stayed on him!

It is the perspective of faith.

- ▶ Faith is hope for the future despite the darkness of today.
- ▶ Faith is utter confidence, reliance and dependence on God.
- ▶ Faith is the acronym “Forsaking All I Trust Him!”

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

HEBREWS 11:1-2

Faith laughs and triumphs over
impossibilities.

HERBERT LOCKYER

The other reason why it is hard to trust God in difficult times is that we can't see what he is doing and it appears that God is not even there.

“I will never leave you or forsake you.” When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Triumphant faith comes from hearing
the message of the gospel.

- ▶ Matthew 8:5-10,13 – The Centurion's servant was healed.
- ▶ Matthew 9:2-8 – The paralyzed man was forgiven and given the ability to walk.
- ▶ Matthew 9:20-22 – The woman with the issue of blood was made whole.
- ▶ Matthew 9:27-30 – Two blind men received their sight.

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- ▶ God is completely sovereign.
- ▶ God is infinite in wisdom.
- ▶ God is perfect in love.

God in his love always wills what is best for us. In his wisdom, he always knows what is best for us and in his sovereignty, he has the power to bring it about.

JERRY BRIDGES
TRUSTING GOD

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

LAMENTATIONS 3:37-38

John 19:10-11

“My father, if it is possible, let this cup
be taken from me.”

MATTHEW 26:39

And on the cross, “My God, My God
why have you forsaken me.”

Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. Joseph said to his brothers who sold him into slavery.

ISAIAH 38:17

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

GENESIS 50:20

For we know that God works together
in all things for the good of those who
love Him and are called according to
his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

What good thing is God working out in your life through your crisis, your struggle, your pain?

DISCUSSION

Faith is increased in us and strengthened when we allow God to have his way in our lives.

HERBERT LOCKYER

Triumphant faith comes from
knowing God personally.

Can we depend on him,
will he see us through,
will he keep his word?

Do I have the kind of personal relationship with God that would cause me to be confident in the fact that he loves me, he knows what is best for me?

Triumphant faith in God submits
to the sovereignty of GOD.

Faith resting in God's good and perfect will accepts God's disappointments as his appointment.

God loves me, God cares about me, God knows what is best for me, and God wants the best for me. I just need to trust him!

Those who know your name will trust
in you, for you Lord, have never
forsaken those who seek you.

PSALM 9:10

We can trust God because he has
absolute rule over his creation.

Jesus sustains all things by his
powerful word.

HEBREWS 1:3

In him all things hold together.

COLOSSIANS 1:17

Isaiah 40:26

The God who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And He is not served by humans' hands, as if he needed anything; Because he himself gives all men and women life and breath and everything. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men and women would seek Him and perhaps reach out to Him and find Him, though he is not far from each one of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.

ACTS 17:24-28

1. Do I trust God with everything in my life? Why or why not?

2. What is the evidence of my total and complete trust in Him?

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