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Where does this power to overcome originate?

**II Corinthians 5:20** – We are therefore Christ's ambassadors...

**II Peter 1:2-4** – <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup> as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup> by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**James 4:6-8** – <sup>6</sup> That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. <sup>8</sup> Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

How to Overcome the World:

**John 16:33** – "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Jesus has overcome the world, not you!

The world and the culture don't produce freedom, but trouble.

**I John 4:4** – Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them, because greater is He that is in you than he who is in the world.

Your freedom is found in the Greater One, and not your own strength.

**I John 5:4-5** – <sup>4</sup> For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

We overcome by believing, not doing!

Born of God = Loved by God.

**John 17:14-18** – <sup>14</sup> I have given them your message. But the world has hated them because they don't belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I'm not asking you to take them out of the world but to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They don't belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> "Use the truth to make them holy. Your words are truth.

The Authority of God's Word and Great Faith:

**Matthew 8:5-10, 13** – <sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion [Non-Jew] came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

We must be a people under authority to be in a position to effectively exercise authority.

Great faith is when you recognize His authority and let it govern your life and your impossibilities.