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From Overwhelmed to Overcomer January 14, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

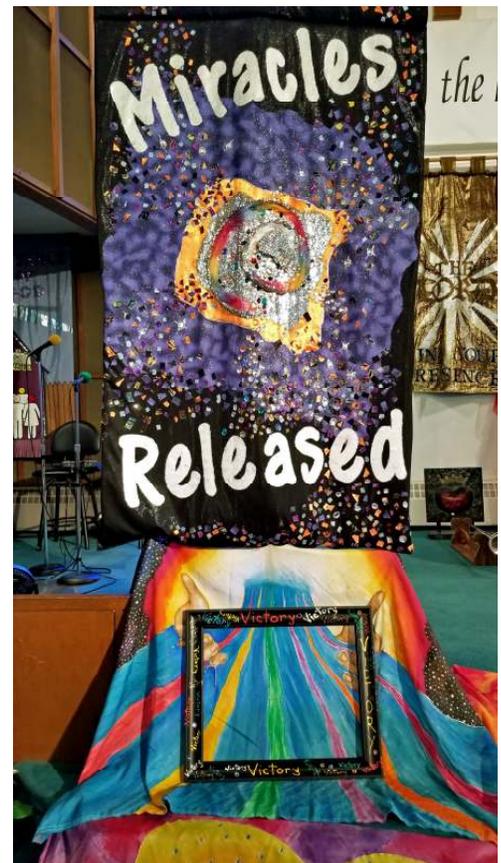
Feeling overwhelmed is a current strategy of satan to take you out. It feels like your breath was knocked out of you and you can't breathe. You feel buried or drowned under a huge mass. It can be paralyzing and it blocks peace, joy and contentment. You feel vulnerable and unable to navigate life. Being overwhelmed is a negative experience because it leaves you feeling drained of energy. How do we get our lives and our energy and focus back and have victory in the place of being overwhelmed? **Overwhelm literally means to weaken, disable and overthrow.**

Exodus 17.11-16 NASB

¹¹ So it came about **when Moses held his hand up, that Israel prevailed**, and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed. ¹² But Moses' hands were heavy. Then they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other. Thus his hands were steady until the sun set. ¹³ **So Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.**

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this in a book as a memorial and **recite it to Joshua**, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." ¹⁵ Moses **built an altar** and named it **The LORD is My Banner**; ¹⁶ and he said, "The LORD has sworn; the LORD will have war against Amalek from generation to generation."

- Background on the passage above, the Israelites had been arguing with Moses and grumbling against God. They did not like Moses' leadership or God's provision. This is the place where water came out of the rock for the people to drink.
- Then the enemy came to attack. Amalek means valley dweller.
- Joshua overwhelmed or disabled the enemy with the edge of his sword.
 - The word "edge" means mouth.
 - The sword is the word of God (Heb. 4.12).
- God revealed Himself as the banner of victory over His people.



Prophetically I see that the enemy comes to overwhelm (weaken, disable and overthrow) us, capturing us to pin us down in the valley (the low place that leads to depression and discouragement) seemingly to never rise again. This battle is not fought alone! The battle belongs to the Lord. (1) God covers us and brings the victory as He fights the battle. This is symbolized by Moses holding his hands up over the people releasing the power and favor of God. (2) Moses as the leader had a team and support system to carry the weightiness of his assignment. (3) Joshua was sent into battle armed with the right weapons and with an army by his side. (4) The edge (mouth) of the sword (the Rhema Word of God that is active and alive) is what annihilates the enemy and the prison named overwhelm. (5) And the response is worship to God Almighty as an altar is built honoring God.



Think about this, David cut off Goliath's head with Goliath's sword! What a prophetic picture! Goliath's weapon was intimidation through words that overwhelmed the Israelites leaving them weakened and fearful. David took Goliath's sword, symbolic of the words Goliath spoke, and cut off his head – silencing the mouth of the enemy. Then David used that sword in battle. After Gideon became the mouthpiece of God he would declare "the sword of the Lord and the sword of Gideon" as he went into battle.

In the wilderness Jesus said "it is written..." and then He SPOKE OUTLOUD the Rhema word of God making the sharp edge of the sword to cut off the head of the enemy. Confession of your mouth – you speaking the Rhema word of God – is the sharp cutting edge of the sword. So this is what you do to overcome – Even when the word is not Rhema to you, you start to speak the word until it becomes Rhema. Declare the word out loud from your mouth so your ear gate hears it until Rhema comes forth. Then take the sword of the Rhema that divides the truth and overthrow the enemy. Do this with an army by your side, ones that will stand and declare the Rhema with you. One puts a thousand to flight and two ten thousand. **From Overwhelmed to Overcomer!!!**

Revelation 12.11 NASB

¹¹ And **they overcame** him because of the **blood of the Lamb** and because of the **word of their testimony**, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

- Overcomers conquer, prevail, get the victory, win, rise above, subdue and defeat what opposes them.

1 John 5.4-5 NASB

⁴ For **whatever is born of God overcomes the world**; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**.

⁵ **Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

1 John 4.4 NASB

⁴ You are from God, little children, and **have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world**.

Romans 8.37 NASB

³⁷ But in all these things **we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us**.

- We speak the name of Jesus.
- We declare our identity in Christ.
- We declare the victory of the cross.
- God leads us in triumphant procession as victors in Him – overwhelming (overthrowing) the enemy.



Psalm 18.37-41 NASB

³⁷ **I pursued my enemies and overtook them,
And I did not turn back until they were consumed.**

³⁸ I shattered them, so **that they were not able to rise;
They fell under my feet.**

³⁹ For You have girded me with **strength for battle;**
You have **subdued** under me those who rose up against me.

⁴⁰ You have also made my enemies turn their backs to me,
And I **destroyed** those who hated me.

⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save,
Even to the LORD, but He did not answer them.

We declare that Detroit is an overcoming city! When the enemy comes in like a flood to overwhelm and destroy, **Detroit will rise up in the power and promises of God.** Out of Detroit's mouth will come the sound of victory, **the ROAR of the Lion of Judah,** declaring who God is. **Detroit belongs to the Lord and the word of the Lord is over Detroit.** Discouragement, disappointment, oppression and manipulation shattered by the word of TRUTH. **Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and freedom!** Detroit's identity and destiny have been defined by God. No weapon formed against Detroit shall prosper but every tongue that rises up against this city will be refuted with the TRUTH of God. **Hope prevails in this city. Creativity prevails in this city. Righteousness prevails in this city. Justice will rise up in this city because God is enthroned over Detroit.**

