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How To Be An Overcomer Series - Part 4 OVERCOMING FAITH

By faith in God you can overcome. The Bible tells us 1 John 5:4 *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.* We see overcoming faith in Abraham.

1. Abraham had **STRONG FAITH** to overcome the impossible.
 - a. Romans 4:18 - *who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."*

2. **HOW** did Abraham have strong faith?
 - a. Abraham did not put his faith in the natural circumstances.
Romans 4:19 - *And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. (2 Corinthians 5:7)*

 - b. Abraham focused on God's promise, the Word.
Romans 4:18, 19, 21 - *18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, **according to what was spoken**, "So shall your descendants be.".....20 He did not waver at **the promise of God** through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what **He had promised** He was also able to perform. (Romans 10:17, Matthew 4:4)*

 - c. Abraham's faith was in the ability of God, not in himself.
Romans 4:21 *and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.*

Conclusion: God said your faith is the victory that overcomes the world. You can have overcoming faith. Receive the lessons from Abraham and develop strong, overcoming faith.

Discussion questions.

1. Based on this sermon, what should you do when you feel hopeless?
2. From Abraham's story, what three things can we do to have overcoming faith?
3. What is the supernatural ingredient God gives us that helps us to have overcoming faith?