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How To Be An Overcomer Series: Part 8 Overcoming Discouragement

In the Bible, God repeatedly exhorts His people not to become discouraged but to be strong and of good courage. In this series we will see what discouragement is, why we must learn to overcome discouragement, and how to overcome discouragement.

1. What is discouragement?
 - a. Discouragement is a feeling of **DESPAIR** in the face of **ADVERSITY**.
Deuteronomy 1:28 Where can we go up? Our brethren have discouraged our hearts, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there."
2. Why must we learn to overcome discouragement?
 - a. Discouragement is a **TOOL** the devil uses to **KILL, STEAL** and **DESTROY** in people's lives.
2 Corinthians 2:11 Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.
3. How do we overcome discouragement?
 - a. We turn our **ATTENTION** away from problem and turn our **ATTENTION** to God.
Deuteronomy 1:21 Look, the LORD your God has set the land before you; go up and possess it, as the LORD God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged.'

Conclusion:

Discouragement is common to us all and carries with the ability to cause destruction and destitution into our lives. When discouragement comes, and the temptation is there to give in to it, let us take our stand to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and count it all joy because God always leads us in triumph.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways did this change my view point on discouragement?
2. Looking back at discouragements we have had in our lives, how did that discouragement affect my life?
3. How does this help me in dealing with discouragement?