

## Produce: Part 10

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** Are you prevailing? Are you living a victorious life?

### REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea... John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

The Spirit Produces:

**1. Force 2. Freedom 3. Fruit 4. Faith 5. Family 6. Fullness 7. Fire 8. Fidelity 9. Fight**

**TODAY:** The Spirit Produces:

#### 10. Force to Prevail

1 John 5: 4 – 6 *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth."* [KJV]

Overcome **implies to conquer, prevail, get the victory.**

Comes from the word victory, also in the text, which figuratively is the means of success. So, our victory is owed to our faith in Jesus Christ. And we are reminded that it is the Spirit of God that comes and testifies (bears witness) because HE is truth.

This truth leads us to faith that is the means to our victory; conquering, prevailing!

Everyone wants to be victorious in whatever they endeavor to do.

Kristi Overton Johnson is a former water skiing champion. She is from Greenville, NC and in her career she held more #1 rankings than any other female water skier. She wrote: "As a skier, the only way I could accomplish great feats on the water was by tapping into the incredible power source of the boat. Without it, I was going nowhere! I had huge biceps and a determined heart, but those two things alone weren't enough to move me forward to victory. Similarly, the only way to accomplish great things in life—things with eternal value—is by choosing to be connected to God, the ultimate power source. He will never fail you. He will help you become victorious."

The Holy Spirit will produce:

#### a. Prevailing Ability

Genesis 32:28 *"And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed."* [KJV]

God is not trying to prove that HE is the better wrestler, HE is getting Jacob ready for a change!

- Change in Internal
  - From fear to faith

- Change in Identity
  - Name is change from trickster to Prince
- Change in Interaction
  - His new identity will not interact with the world the same way. With a limp
- Change in Illumination
  - He will build an altar and say a name, El-Elohe-Israel; literally God – The God of Israel
  - No longer just the God of Abraham & Isaac but HE is now my God

### **Are we willing to wrestle to prevail?**

Thought: There is an upcoming encounter with an adversary. There are two men. You get to pick one to represent you in the arena with the adversary. One is a glutton. The other goes to the gym everyday and meets with the wrestling coach. The coach is an expert, and he learns from him, wrestles with him to learn new and better moves. He eats well and works out. Which guy are you choosing to represent you in the arena?

Which one will you be in the spiritual? For you have an adversary that goes about trying to destroy you and those in your life.

### **Are you willing to wrestle with God so you can wrestle with the adversary?**

The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to overcome, to prevail but HE will not make you meet with HIM.

### **b. Prevailing Assembly**

Matthew 16:16-18 *“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* [KJV]

### **c. Prevailing Activity**

Acts 19:20 *“So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.”*

Hebrews 4:12 *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”* [ESV]