

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

When Faith Becomes a Door to Victory

John 16:23-33

What words might we “unpack” in today’s scripture?

- Jn. 16:23b-33 “... Truly, truly, I say to you, *if you shall ask* the Father for anything, He will give it to you *in My name*.²⁴ “*Until now* you have asked for nothing *in My name*; *ask*, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. ...²⁶ “In that day you will ask *in My name*, and I *do not say* to you that I will request the Father on your behalf;²⁷ for the Father Himself *loves you*, because *you have loved Me*, and *have believed* that I came forth from the Father. ...²⁹ His disciples said, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly, and are not using a figure of speech.³⁰ “...; by this we believe that You came from God.”³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?³² “Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for *you to be scattered*, each to his own home, and *to leave Me alone*; and *yet I am not alone*, because the *Father is with Me*.³³ “These things I have spoken to you, that *in Me* you may have *peace*. In the world you have tribulation, but *take courage*; I have *overcome* the world.”
(NAS)



1. A believer's personal relationship to Jesus is the *open door* through which we are always welcomed by the Father God.

- V23-27 "... *if you ask... He will give it to you in my name.*
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ask and you will receive so that *your joy* may be made
full...²⁶ ... ask *in my name..* ²⁷. For the *Father himself*
loves you... because you have loved me and have
believed that I came from God.

- *In my name.* v23, 24, 26
- *Until now.* v24
- *Have loved me.* v27
- *Have believed.* V27
- *Spiritual family.* V27.



Do you think she has an “open door” to her daddy?



2. *Jesus had a “standing open door” to His Father – as revealed in His real-life dilemma of v 32.*

*V31-32 ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"
³² Behold, an hour is coming, and **has already come**, for you to be **scattered**, each to his own home, and **to leave Me alone**; and yet **I am not alone**, because the **Father is with Me**.*

Two opposing realities for Jesus (v32):

- A. Abandoned. V32.*
- B. Yet, not alone. V32.*
- C. Which reality do you live in?*



*Businessman: what do you think his “real-life”
dilemma might be?*



Jesus' relationship with His father was what enabled him to choose to believe. It is the same with you and me.

- *1 Jn. 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. (NAU)*



3. Believers must find Christ *in our tribulations* to rise above them.

V33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that *in Me* you *may have peace*. In the world you *have tribulation*, but *take courage*; I have *overcome the world*."

A. *Two opposing forces:*

- *World* vs Jesus.

B. *Jesus overcomes the world:*

1. *Warns of it.*
2. *Owens it.*
3. *Redeems it.*
4. *Rewards it.*
5. *Challenges us in it.*

C. *Faith is the doorway; take courage.*

- 1 John 5:4





g3528. νικᾶω *nikaō*; from 3529; to subdue (literally or figuratively): — conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.

AV (28) - overcome 24, conquer 2, prevail 1, get the victory 1;

1. to conquer

A. to carry off the victory, come off victorious

1. of Christ, victorious over all His foes
2. of Christians, that hold fast their faith even unto death against the power of their foes, and temptations and persecutions
3. when one is arraigned or goes to law, to win the case, maintain one's cause

Faith is the door to victory over the world we live in.

- *1 Jn. 5:4 For whatever is **born of God** overcomes the **world**; and this is the victory that has **overcome the world-- our faith**. (NAU)*



Do you need a reminder today that Jesus is present even when the storm clouds are darkest?



Call to action.

- 1. Struggles are real. Jesus named his. He also claimed the reality of the presence of His Father. Do you need to name yours today? Do you need to “take courage” in the presence of the Father today? Pray that back to Jesus today!*

