



take Five
WITH
PASTOR MIKE



A DAILY MOMENT.
GOD'S TRUTH.
LASTING IMPACT.



A MINISTRY OF HEARTSWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

WEEK FOUR | MORE THAN CONQUERORS

SATURDAY

Overcome Evil With Good

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE (KJV)

Romans 12:21

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

KEY TRUTH

Christian victory refuses to imitate evil and answers it with the character of Christ.

GOOD MORNING!

When we are mistreated, the natural response is to return the same spirit we received. Anger answers anger, harshness answers harshness, and hurt multiplies hurt.

Paul offers a different path. Evil is not truly defeated when it changes us into its likeness. We overcome when Christ enables us to remain truthful, gracious, courageous, and good.

Doing good does not mean approving wrong or avoiding necessary boundaries. It means refusing revenge and choosing actions governed by righteousness rather than resentment.

Let Jesus determine your response today. Speak with grace, forgive as God directs, and do what honors Him. Goodness may appear gentle, but in the hands of God it is powerful enough to break the cycle of evil.

TAKE FIVE CHALLENGE

Take five intentional minutes today.

- 1 **Read Romans 12:17-21.**
- 2 **Identify one hurt shaping your response.**
- 3 **Release personal revenge to God.**
- 4 **Spend five minutes praying for grace.**
- 5 **Answer one wrong with Christlike good.**

SONG FOR THE JOURNEY



"Higher Ground"

- Johnson Oatman Jr.

"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Christ calls us above resentment and revenge into the higher life of holiness and grace.

SHARE THE BLESSING

Break a cycle of hurt today through a gracious word, a practical kindness, or a sincere prayer.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, keep evil from shaping my heart. Give me wisdom to confront wrong without becoming bitter and courage to answer hurt with holiness. Remove revenge, guide my boundaries, and let Your goodness govern every response. Use my life to interrupt the cycle of evil. Amen.

PASTOR MIKE'S THOUGHT

We do not overcome evil by reflecting it; we overcome when others can see Christ reflected through us.

THE GOSPEL IN ONE VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16 (KJV)

TOMORROW'S TAKE FIVE

Week Four | Sunday | Thanks Be to God for Victory | 1 Corinthians 15:57 (KJV)

Walking with you in Christ,

Pastor Mike

Doing God's work, God's way, in Jesus' name!