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### **My Story**

Share about a time in your life when you had the tremendous feeling of victory that you personally experienced. What obstacles, challenges, training or difficulties did you experience before overcoming the challenges to claim victory? Discuss.

### **5 Characteristics of Faith That Overcomes**

**Authentic Saving Faith** - According to the apostle John what is the foundational requisite of a believer becoming a victorious overcomer? **READ 1 John 5:1, 4-5; Cf. 1 Jn. 4:4.** Can a person be a victorious “overcomer” if they are not born again? (Cf. John 3:3-6; 1 Pet. 1:23) Discuss.

**Authentic Love** – According to 1 John 5:2, how can a person genuinely prove they love God? What is the genuine proof of faith? **Cf. Matt. 22:37-39; Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 10:9-10.**

**Authentic Obedience** – According to the Gospel of John and 1 John 5:3, what is the authentic evidence of love? **Cf. John 14:15; 21; 23-24; 15:10; 15:14; 2 Jn. 6.**

**Authentic Victory** – Christ has already won the victory over Sin, Satan and Death for all believers. **READ 1 John 5:6-9** and write down the testimonies that confirm Jesus’ victory.

**Authentic Blessing** – The ultimate victory of an “Overcomer” is eternal life. What are the clear details regarding those who will have the victory of eternal life? **READ John 3:36; 11:25-26; and 1 John 5:11-12.**

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