



***For whatever is born of God  
overcomes the world. And this is  
the victory that has overcome the  
world—our faith.***

**I John 5:4**

# When does faith not overcome the world?

- **When faith is silent**

- Is concerned about appearances (Jn 12:42-43)
- Stand up and be counted! (Jn. 9:21-23; Mt. 10:32-33)

- **When faith is small**

- Worries about mundane things (Mt. 6:25-30)
- Shrinks in a storm (Mt. 8:26; 14:31)
- Forgets what God has already done (Mt. 16:8)

# When does faith not overcome the world?

- **When faith is slothful**
  - Not merely academic and theoretical (James 2:17)
  - Must let Him BE Lord, not merely in word (Mt. 7:21; Gal. 2:20)
- **When faith is “showy”**
  - An emphasis on the details of “religiosity” (Mt. 23:23)
  - Places attention on the wrong things!

***Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you are disqualified.***

***II Corinthians 13:5***



