

Overcoming Life's Problems

- I. **Think differently.** Ultimately, God is your only source and your only resource. Settle the matter in your heart and mind. “When God calls you to an extraordinary task, He provides extraordinary resources” (John Wimber).
 - A. You can learn to listen to God. “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).
 1. Read your Bible.
 2. Stay connected to God’s people.
 3. Listen to the Father’s voice as a son or daughter (John 5:19-20).
 - B. Learn to pray continually with heaven’s protocol and with confidence for what you need (Philippians 4:4-7).
 - C. Learn to expect God’s victory over your enemies (Psalm 27:1-3) and experience His beauty as you seek Him in His temple (Psalm 27:4-6, 13-14; Ephesians 3:17-21).

- II. **Give generously.** Sow seed toward your breakthrough every day (Luke 6:37-38).
 - A. Ask God what He wants you to sow as part of the answer to your problems (Matthew 17:19-20). This is part of the wisdom path God will lead you on if you ask Him (James 1:5-8).
 1. Sowing breakthrough seed honors God and blesses others (E.g., Forgiveness, Luke 6:37).
 2. Sowing generously moves us toward God, hope, and abundance (Luke 6:38; II Corinthians 9:6-8).
 - B. Some seeds you sow may not look like they are connected to your breakthrough.
 1. The cross—sacrificial living (John 12:23-26).
 2. God’s chosen fast (Isaiah 58:6-12).
 3. “You give them something to eat” (Mark 6:37-38, 42-44).
 4. “Take away the stone” (John 11:38-44).
 5. Take care of God’s temple and change your economy—even the weather (Haggai 1:2-11; 2:18-19; Malachi 3:8-12).
 6. The widow and Elijah (I Kings 17:12-23)
 7. “Your sins are forgiven” (Luke 7:44-50).
 8. Repentance and fasting (II Samuel 12:13-25)

- III. **Live expectantly.** When you make God your only source, and when you learn to give generously toward your breakthrough, you can live expectantly every day of your life.
 - A. You can stop worrying (Matthew 6:31-34).
 - B. You can expect God’s protection (Isaiah 54:16-17).
 - C. You can expect God’s wisdom (James 1:5).
 - D. You can expect God’s provision and His peace (Ecclesiastes 5:18-20).
 - E. You can expect a miracle in every new situation you face.