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2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Paul learned the secret of being an overcomer: Maintain God's perspective on the ups and downs of life, and access His power. The apostle was firmly convinced that having the person of the Holy Spirit living *in* him meant that God's power was available *to* him.

We, too, can learn to be at peace while the storms of life rage around us. The first step is to believe that the power of God is within us through the presence of His Spirit. We then must accept that God's priority for us is transformation into Christ's image, and not necessarily comfortable circumstances. Diligently seeking to maintain Jesus' perspective on trials ([John 16:33](#)) is also important. Until we settle such matters of faith, true contentment will evade us.

Having embraced these truths, we can learn to use the divine power of the risen Christ. The key lies in submitting our will to His. Then, instead of reacting to life based on our own weaknesses and desires, we will switch to responding on the basis of God's will and the fact that we belong to Christ. We will be able to consciously surrender ourselves to the Lord and His pattern for living. Yielding control to the Holy Spirit allows God's will to be done and enables us to accept it. When we can say, "Lord, whatever You choose to send will be all right with me," then we will experience the inner peace promised to us. (See [John 14:27](#).)

Divine perspective, surrender, and firm faith—these are the ingredients for the victorious life. Now you know the secret, too.

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