

A scenic landscape featuring a river in the foreground, surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, yellow, and red. In the background, a stone arch bridge spans across the river, with rugged mountains and a cloudy sky visible behind it.

Welcome to Worship

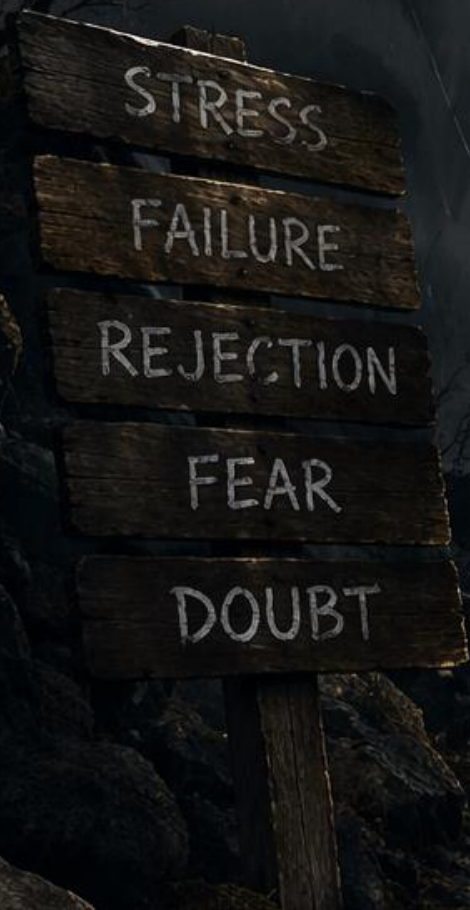
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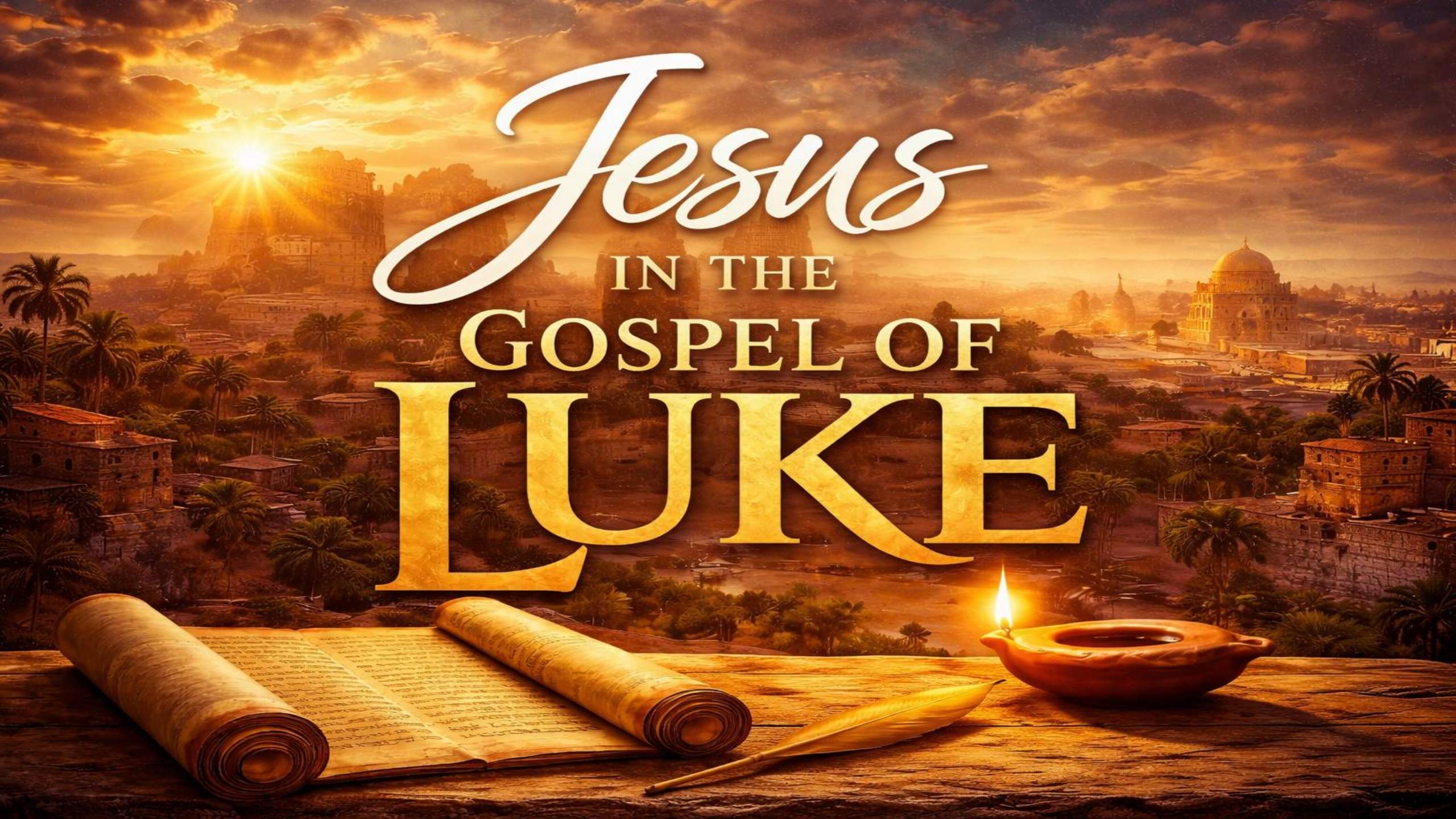
LIFE IS HARD.

The path is tough.
The climb is real.

**BUT SO IS
*OVERCOMING.***

Keep going.
You're closer than you think.





Jesus
IN THE
GOSPEL OF
LUKE

HOW DO WE
OVERCOME

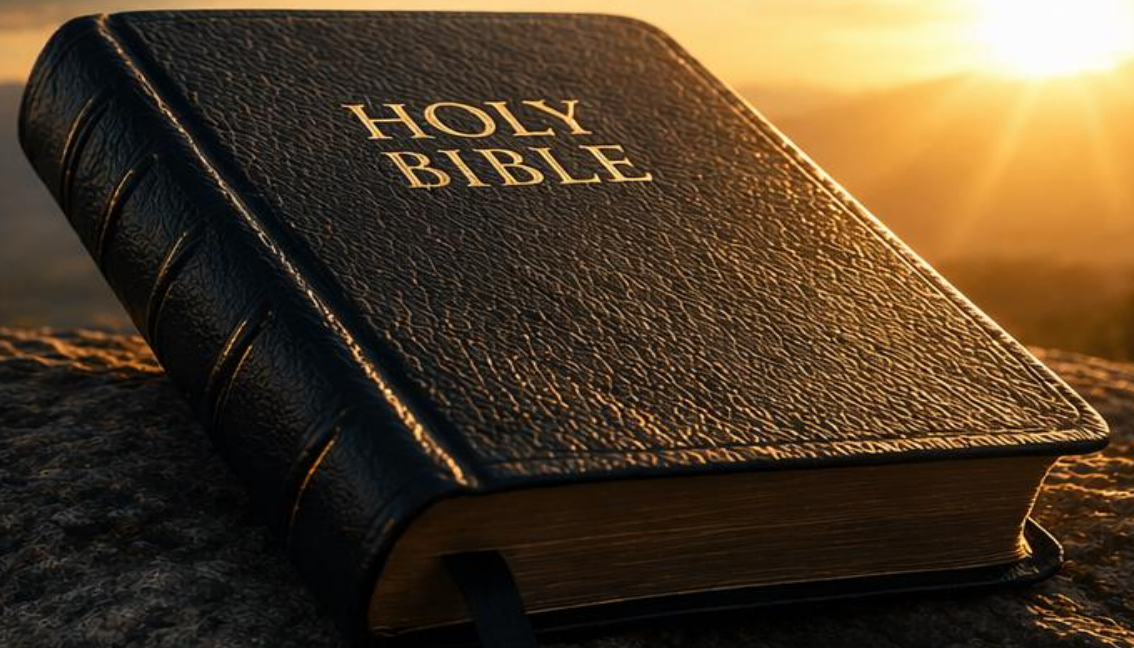
WHEN LIFE
GETS HARD?



We Overcome by
STANDING
ON
GOD'S
WORD!

“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.”

MATTHEW 4:4



LUKE

4:1-13

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, being tempted by the devil.



*11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that
I might not sin against you.*

-Psalms 119:11 (ESV)

17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

-Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

A cinematic scene showing Jesus walking away from a crowd of people on a hillside at sunset. Jesus is in the foreground, seen from behind, wearing a white robe and a brown shawl. He is walking on a dirt path. The crowd of people, dressed in traditional robes, is behind him, some pointing towards him. The background shows a town built on a hillside, with the sun setting over the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene.

We Overcome by
STAYING
FAITHFUL
DESPITE
REJECTION!

“Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable
in his hometown.”

LUKE 4:24

LUKE

4:16-30

JESUS TEACHES IN NAZARETH

And he came to Nazareth,
where he had been brought up.
And as was his custom,
he went to the synagogue
on the Sabbath day, and he
stood up to read.

*“No prophet is acceptable
in his hometown.”*

LUKE 4:24



HE PREACHED GRACE. THEY REJECTED TRUTH.
BUT JESUS KEPT HIS MISSION.

18 “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

-John 15:18 (ESV)

12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

-2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)

We Overcome by
**CONTINUING
FORWARD**
**WITH
GOD'S PURPOSE!**

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I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14





LUKE

4:14-15

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

JESUS RETURNED IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT.

THE WORD WENT OUT. LIVES WERE CHANGED.

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

-Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

*13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

-Philippians 3:13 – 14 (ESV)



We Overcome by
TRUSTING
GOD'S
PRESENCE!



“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

HEBREWS 13:5

LUKE

4:1

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit
in the wilderness,



**JESUS WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT.
EVEN IN THE WILDERNESS, HE WAS NOT ALONE.**



5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

-Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

-Romans 8:31 (ESV)

ARE YOU OVERCOMING OR HAVE YOU BEEN OVERCOME?



“We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”

ROMANS 8:37