

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15



I John 5:1–5 ♦ Psalm 13

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.  
And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

*I John 5:4*

## Victory

**I**t doesn't feel over.

Sometimes, the world rages at us with such force it feels as if we are right in the middle of the battlefield with targets on our backs. Yes, Jesus told us that we would be persecuted as He was, but He also told us to take heart (John 16:33). Why? He has overcome the world.

“The strife is o’er, the battle done” (*LSB* 464:1).

Yes, the world will rage as the devil destroys all that he can in a loser’s tantrum. But Jesus has overcome the world.

And in Jesus, you have overcome too. The one thing that defeats the devil is our faith in Jesus. Our faith, given by God, robs hell of a captive and sets us free.

So live like it! Yes, the foe is on his destructive retreat, but he is defeated. Your God is on your side, so serve without fear and share God’s Word with courage. God will work through you as He has already seen fit, and each moment will be another blow to Satan.

Take heart, fellow soldier. Remember that there are others around you that the devil seeks to destroy. Attack him by loving your neighbor and telling about the victory that is yours in Christ.

*Almighty God, give us courage to fight lies and evil boldly as we use weapons like mercy and truth against the foe. We pray in the name of Jesus, who has won the victory. Amen.*