**GOD’S STRATEGY TO OVERCOME SIN & DISCONNECTS WITH GOD**

(Including Keys to Overcoming Porn, Self Sex and Sexual Addictions)

**Introduction; You Can Have Immediate Victory Over Temptation & Sin Through Jesus!**

In the video Conquer Series, Dr. Ted Roberts declared that it would take two to five years for men to get free from porn and their self sex bondage. We believe God’s Word reveals something very different. We agree that it may take some years to have your mind completely cleansed of pornographic images or experiences from your past. However, the Word of God reveals that as born again children of God, we have the power to obtain immediate supernatural victory over sinful behaviours including porn and masturbation. We sincerely appreciate all that Dr. Roberts and his Conquer Series team are endeavouring to do to help men get victory over porn and sexual sin. However, we believe they’re relying on psychological and neurological methodology more than on the supernatural grace & power of Christ’s shed blood and the Holy Spirit. Along with this we believe they fail to examine the full scope of 1) the root causes that lead Christian men into sexual bondage and 2) the supernatural resources available to help them attain immediate victory through Christ.

I can personally testify (Michael LeClair) of immediate victory and deliverance after being bound by porn and sexual sin including masturbation for 16 years. After I was truly born again by the power of the Holy Spirit through genuine repentance, putting my total trust in Jesus Christ and receiving Him as Lord over my life; I never watched porn or performed self sex (masturbation) ever again. I was totally cleansed and liberated by the power of Jesus’ shed blood and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. Sure I’ve faced temptation since, but by the grace of God I was able to call upon Jesus’ mighty name and draw upon the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit to overcome every sexual temptation. It wasn’t always easy, but God had placed His love and a healthy fear of God in my heart that inspired and motivated me to seek an escape from every temptation by the power of His Spirit. We believe this same victorious power is available to every believer who truly knows God and has His Holy Spirit living within them. Sadly, there are times when there is a lack of connection or disconnection in this empowering relationship with God. Maintaining unbroken, loving intimacy and relationship with our Heavenly Father the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit is vital to the continual flow of God’s grace and power to overcome temptation and sin (I John 15:1-8). Our problems are primarily rooted in the breakdown or lack of this supernatural connection with our God. Consequently, that is why we are making this summary and review of our Oasis Conquer Group material available to help you discover and overcome any disconnect in your relationship with God that is preventing you from getting victory over sexual sin or any sin for that matter. God has made full provision for you to walk victoriously over the flesh, the demonic realm and this world system, but the devil is a liar and deceiver who attempts to blind and hinder us from possessing our victory in Christ. We pray that the truth in this summary will help you discover any hindrance or blockage in your walk with God and help you breakthrough and possess your full overcoming inheritance in Christ Jesus our Lord. God Bless You!

***4****Whoever practices sin breaks the law, for sin is lawlessness.****5****You know that He was revealed to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.****6****Whoever remains in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has not seen Him and does not know Him.* ***7****Little children, let no one deceive you. The one who does righteousness is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.****8****Whoever practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil.****9****Whoever has been born of God does not practice sin, for His seed remains in him. And he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.****10****In this the children of God and the children of the devil are revealed: Whoever does not live in righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother* (I John 3:4-10 MEV).

**Sources of Disconnect To Our Intimacy With God That Leads To An Inability to Overcome:**

**1)** **Ignorance or lack of revelation of God’s Covenant provision for us through the Cross** (8 Gifts of Grace) and our spiritual weaponry leading to lack of overcoming faith and power (Romans 10:17; Colossians 3:13-15; Hebrews 11:6).

**2)** **Lack of surrender and true repentance** leading to partial or false conversion and no power to overcome temptation and sin (Acts 2:35; 2 Timothy 3:1-5).

**3)** **Ignorance of the truth of God’s Word by revelation** (head knowledge rather than heart knowledge) or a shallow, superficial knowledge of the Word. This can also be due to not obeying what we hear, leading to self deception (James 1:21-25). We will not be able to receive greater truth and revelation until we obey and apply what we’ve already learned.

**4)** **Spiritual adultery** in loving and indulging in this world system and its practices (Eg. Worldly entertainment and media, movies, internet, video games, sports, etc.) (James 4:4; I John 2:15-17). This includes being yoked with or having a close relationship with worldly unsaved friends. The Bible clearly warns us that worldly friends or business partners will corrupt us or pull us away from Godly living. Therefore we are told not to be in close relationship with or partner with the unsaved (I Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 12:26; 13:21, 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1). It is alright to befriend the unsaved, but they should not become close, intimate friends who have significant influence in our lives. Your close friends need to be strong, godly believers who will encourage you to draw close to God and walk in humble obedience. Who will in love pray for you and hold you accountable when you compromise or stray from God and His Holy call on your life.

**5)** **Idolatry**: loving sex sin more than God or other idols (Eg. Self, family, money, career, friends, materialism, selfish ambition, etc.) (2 Corinthians 6:17-18; Mark 8:34-37; Luke 14:25-34). Not giving generously to God’s work and others as the Holy Spirit leads can reveal that money is an idol in our hearts (Matthew 6:19-24; I Timothy 6:10). Tithing should be a bare minimum standard of giving for new covenant believers because all our resources are His (I Corinthians 6:19-20). Holy Spirit led giving should be joyful and generous above the Old Covenant standard (Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-35; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11). God’s Holy Spirit should produce a joyful spirit of generosity and liberality in our giving to God and others as He guides us in our giving.

**6)** **Lack of passion or neglect of relationship** due to distractions, passivity or spiritual laziness (Mark 12:29-30). Neglecting our time of personal intimacy daily with God can have very severe consequences in our relationship with the Lord (Matthew 25:1-13).

**7)** **A rebellious and disobedient heart** due to exalting the god of “self” (2 Timothy 3:1-5; Philippians 3:17-19; Mark 8:34-35). Continual disobedience to God’s Word or will causes a disconnection. If we try to hold on to our lives we’ll lose His life

**8)** **Father wounds** leading to a lack of trust or unbelief toward Father God and the believing of demonic lies and accusations about God’s character, questioning His love and care for you (Matthew 25:24-30; Hebrews 12:12-17). **Other wound based lies** or lie based thinking (strongholds) (2Corinthians 10:3-6).

**9)** **Being consumed by the cares of life (Family, finances, career, etc.) or focus on seeking comfort** **and pleasure in the world** thus choking your relationship with God (Mark 4:18-19; Luke 21:34-36).

**10)** **Blockage of grace due to an area of pride** in our hearts (I Peter 5:5-7).

**11)** **Stronghold of unbelief and fear** (Hebrews 11:6, 3:7-19). Fear and unbelief prevents us from doing and giving as our Father wills and must be overcome. Fear of lack or failure, etc. leads to disobedience, disconnects and ultimately destruction if not overcome (Revelation 21:7-8).

**12)** **Lack of reverential fear of God** (Prov. 8:13, 9:10, 14:2, 16, 27, 22:4; 2 Cor. 6:17 to 7:1).

**13)** **Impure or selfish motives** in our hearts (James 4:3).

**14)** **Drifting from our first love**, being more focused on the work of God rather than the God of the work (Revelation 2:2-5).

**15)** **Negative speaking, vows or access doors of darkness** from the past (Acts 19:18-20; Acts 8:9-24). In our past we may have made negative vows (eg. “I’ll never trust or let people get close to me again!” “If anyone ever does anything like that to me again, I’ll make them pay!” Etc.). Demonic powers can have doors of access to our lives through these past vows or past involvement in violent trauma, the occult, perverse sex, sexual abuse, (etc.) if not renounced, repented of, healed or delivered from. Also, we need to realize that the power of life and death are in our tongues (Proverbs 18:21). Negative things we speak over our lives or others produces destructive results and can grieve the Holy Spirit as well as cause a blockage in our relationship with God (Ephesians 4:25-32, 5:4; James 3: 2-12).

**Summary of Solutions to Restore Intimacy by Utilizing Spiritual Weaponry to Overcome**

**There are Three Sources of God’s Unlimited Supernatural Power That We Need to Tap Into Daily to be Overcomers:**

1. God’s Grace and Covenant Blessings Purchased Through the Blood of His Cross
2. The Transformative Truth of God’s Word
3. Holy Spirit Empowerment

[the activation and impartation of all three of these sources flow out of our intimate relationship with God (John 15:1-8)].

**A) Overcoming by the Blood of the Lamb ... (Revelation 12:11a) God’s 8 Fold Covenant Provision**

By Holy Spirit revelation and grace through faith, **embrace and enforce Christ’s Eight fold Covenant blessing and victory purchased for us through the Blood of His Cross** to overcome temptation and sin:

**1/ Complete forgiveness and ongoing cleansing of all sin through repentance** (Revelation 1:5-6; I John 1:9). Humbly confess and repent of any known sin daily (Psalm 51).

**2/ Total liberation from the control and bondage of the sin nature** (Romans 6:5-6, 11-14, 18, 22; I John 3:6-10). By grace daily enforce the victory, over any fleshly habit or unrenewed thinking (Romans 8:5-15).

**3/ Indwelling supernatural power of God’s Spirit** living in us and empowering us to walk in victory (Romans 8:8-14; Galatians 5:16-17, 22-26). We need to daily ask the Father to fill us with the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9-13; Acts 4:23; Ephesians 5:18) and yield to the Holy Spirit’s leading throughout our day. Allowing His presence to overflow and impact those He directs us to (John 7:37-39, 14:15-18, 25-27, 15:26-27; 16:7-15, 20:21-22; Acts 1:8; 8:27-38). The evidence of the infilling of the Holy Spirit includes manifestations of Spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 12:7-11: speaking in other tongues, prophecy, word of wisdom or knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, interpretation of tongues and discerning of spirits), boldness to share your faith and power to overcome. We need to daily seek God for the fullness of the Holy Spirit baptism (Acts 1:8; 4:23-31; 19:1-7; Ephesians 5:8; Luke 11:9-13). Then each day flow in the gifts of the Spirit and exercise the fruit of the Spirit, (love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, great patience, faithfulness and self control Galatians 5:22-23). Utilize the fruit of “self control” to practice “the Holy Spirit Bounce”; to bounce your eyes from sexually provocative women and media images or to turn off worldly lust provoking or distracting media. If you want, prayerfully ask your pastoral leaders to pray for you with the laying on of hands to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-17; Acts 19:1-7).

**4/ Receiving confidence, supernatural grace and authority in knowing you are an intimate son (or daughter)**, ambassador, king and priest of Almighty God your Father (John 1:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Revelation 1:5-6). Daily through Jesus our Lord seek and maintain intimate communion as a son (or daughter) with your Heavenly Father [a minimum of one hour each day (Matthew 26:14)]. You accomplish this through prayer, thanksgiving, praise and worship, diligent study and application of His Word and waiting upon Him [listening and receiving direction, counsel and strength by His Holy Spirit to obey His will (John 14:21-24; 16:23-25; Isaiah 40:29-31; Mark 14:37-38; Mathew 6:5-15; Psalm 100:1-4)]. Each day go forth from His Presence and obey His directions by the help of the Holy Spirit. By God’s grace practice the five W’s, of intimacy with God ... Washing (through repentance) Worship, Word, Waiting and Work orders. Throughout your day maintain your intimacy and communion with God by acknowledging Him and allowing Him to prayerfully direct your path each step of your daily journey (Proverbs 3:5-6; I Thessalonians 5:16-17; Luke 21:36).

**5/ Authority and power to call upon and declare the Name above all names - “Jesus Christ,”** in order to be saved from any temptation or adverse circumstance and to defeat and evict demonic powers (John 16:23-24; Romans 10:12-13; Luke 10:17-20). Each day when you face tempting thoughts or any adverse situation by faith call on the matchless name of Jesus and you will receive victory!

**6/ Supernatural healing provision for our spirit, soul (emotions) and body** (Isaiah 53:4-5; I Peter 2:24). Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area of emotional woundedness from your past and receive Christ’s supernatural provision for total healing by grace through faith. Many men and women carry wounds from poor, abusive or nonexistent father relationships. Seek your loving heavenly Father to reveal His unfailing and everlasting love for you and to heal your father wound as only He can (Jeremiah 31:3; 29:11-14, 30:17; Psalm 27:10).

**7/ The blood of His Cross and the grace it provides imparts Righteousness and imputes as well as empowers** us to walk in **Holiness** and to grow in the progressive work of **Sanctification**. Embrace God’s grace to daily unplug from this world system and to be set apart as a vessel of honour, fit for our Master’s use and to progressively be conformed to the image of His Son (2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Timothy 2:19-22; Titus 2:11-14; Romans 8:29). Without holiness no man shall see the Lord or experience His victory over the flesh, the devil and this world system (Hebrews 12:14; I John 2:15-17). We must be determined by God’s grace to unplug from every worldly influence that defiles our Spirit or stimulates our flesh (eg. all forms of ungodly media, TV, internet, movies, video games, etc.) thus perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor. 7:1).

**8/ When we receive Christ, God’s ministering angels are assigned to care for and protect us** in a very special way (Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 103:20; Psalm 91:11). When you declare God’s Word over your life and situation God’s ministering angels are activated to help us see it fulfilled (Psalm 103:20).

**B) Full Surrender & Repentance Liberates**

For many believers who struggle with porn and sexual bondage the main source of their problem is a lack of true repentance and total surrender of their lives to Christ. They have a partial or false conversion experience. They believe in their heads, but have not yielded their hearts and lives fully to the Lordship of Christ. Consequently, they have no indwelling power of God’s Spirit (Acts 2:38) to overcome temptation and the sinful desires of the flesh (2Timothy 3:1-5). The example of Eric Hovind’s struggle as a young man raised in a Christian family is a good illustration of this type of problem. If you recognize that this is a major contributing factor in your inability to overcome, then follow his example. Eric in coming to the end of self, humbly admitted his need of the total surrender of his life to the Lord and his need to pursue God with all his heart (the “God Quest”). This brought the power of God’s Spirit into his life which enabled him to overcome his lust and porn addiction. By God’s grace you can do the same (Acts 1:8, 5:32; Galatians 5:16). Things we harbour in our hearts that can be huge “Rocks” 1) Unforgiveness, bitterness, holding hatred or a grudge or resentment 2) Anger (use it to manipulate & control others) 3) Lust for sexual pleasure & lasciviousness – desire for wrong attention by provoking lust in others by the way you dress, talk or act 4) Jealousy & Envy – we must humbly seek God’s grace to break up these “rocky” and “hard” areas in our hearts and bring liberation through genuine repentance.

**C) The Whole Armour of God and the Power of God’s Word**

To be an overcomer it is essential that we diligently study, believe, receive, meditate upon, memorize, declare, share and obediently apply God’s Word daily as the Holy Spirit leads. When we diligently do all these things, we essentially are putting on the whole armour of God each day, enabling us to successfully battle demonic powers and every temptation (Ephesians 6:10-17). At the same time, you will effectively begin to demolish every stronghold of lies in the mind, renew any worldly or carnal thinking and establish a “Rock” solid foundation of truth in your heart (Matthew 7:24-27; James 1:21-25; 2 Timothy 2:15 and 3:14-17; Psalm 119:9-16; Romans 12:1-2; Joshua 1:7-8). Another beneficial result will be the nourishing and strengthening of your spiritual life, empowering you to resist and overcome temptation (Mathew 4:4; I Peter 2:1-2; John 1:1-3, 14). An insatiable desire to consume God’s Word (study and obey it) is vital to your growth in respect to salvation (I Peter 2:2 NASV; John 6:47-68). Obedience to God’s Word is key to maintaining a flow of God’s power in our lives (Acts 5:32). Disobedience to God’s Word always leads to deception and a disconnect in our relationship with God until we repent and obey Him (James 1:22-27). Another extremely important benefit of studying and obeying God’s Word is that it produces faith in our hearts (Romans 10:17). The truth of God’s Word is the revelational antidote to demolish the strongholds of unbelief in our hearts and to liberate us from the lies and accusations the enemy perpetrates against God and others (John 8:31). Without a strong foundation in God’s Word we will not be able to stand in the midst of the storms of life, especially the intense storms that are about to be unleashed in this final hour.

**D) The Love of God and Fear of God Produces Power to Obey**

It is critical for conquerors to continually seek to love God with all our hearts and everything in us by the help of the Holy Spirit. We cannot love God the way He deserves (above all else) except by the empowering of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22; I Corinthians 13:1-7, 13-14:1). We need to ask the Lord daily to fill us with His Holy Spirit (Luke11:9-13), that we may be baptized and filled with His love and power to overcome: 1) the temptation to commit spiritual adultery (eg. loving worldly media, being close friends or partners with unsaved people, etc.), 2) Idolatry (eg. love of porn and self sex, or money, etc.), 3) growing cold in our love for Him (Revelation 2:2-5) or 4) getting consumed with the pursuit of earthly pleasures or the cares of life (eg. career, education, finances, family, etc.). 5) Fear from the enemy that paralyses us. By the Holy Spirit’s help we must get our focus and affections off the things of this world and establish them on God and the things above (Colossians 3:1-2). It’s easy to say we love God with all our hearts, but our actions speak louder than our words. Jesus declared that if we truly love Him, by the empowering of His Spirit, we will keep His commands (John 14:15-24). . This includes obeying his command to radically deal with lustfully looking at women, which he equated to committing adultery (Matthew 5:27-30). God’s love is also the only thing that can drive fear out of our lives (I John 4:18; 2 Timothy 1:7). The enemy will use fear to immobilize us, but God’s love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit liberates us to walk in boldness for God.

Much like the Holy Spirit inspired love of God, the Holy Spirit inspired fear of God produces the motivation and power to obey God and to turn away from sinful behaviours (Proverbs 8:13; 14:2,26-27; 16:6; Luke 12:4-5; 2 Corinthians 6:17 to 7:1). In the church there is much focus on the love of God as a motivating force to obey God, but the fear of God is also a vital motivating force to overcome temptation and sin. Once again, we cannot generate the love for or a proper fear of God in our own strength. We need the Holy Spirit who is “the spirit of the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:2) to help us. Therefore we need to daily ask and seek for the Holy Spirit to produce in us the love for and the fear of God necessary to turn us from sin and to walk in holiness. Always beware of the terrifying peril of willfully sinning, leading to blaspheming the Holy Spirit and a dread release unto destruction (Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:26-31, 6:4-6; Mark 9:43-44, 47-48).

**E) Pride Disconnects, but Humility Reconnects Us with** **God and Others**

We need to constantly examine our hearts to discern any area of pride that may develop. God is opposed to the proud, but He gives grace to the humble (I Peter 5:5-6). Pride is one major thing that can quickly plug up the flow of God’s grace in our lives and cause a disconnect in our relationship with God. Spiritual pride which leads to envy, jealousy and unwholesome competition among brethren is a significant problem among Christians today, even as it was among Jesus’ disciples (Mark 9:33-35). Not respecting, listening to and obeying authorities God has placed in our lives are pride (I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17; Romans 12:3, 16). Offense toward authority or others is mostly just wounded pride. We need to ask the Lord to help us by His Spirit to develop a servant’s heart that we may become a “servant to all” as Jesus directed (Mark 9:33-35).

Take time to examine our life before God and repent of every area of pride, so that we may truly walk humbly before our God and maintain the flow of His grace. The following are a list of prideful characteristics to help us in this examination process: \* Attempts to hide sin and resist repentance \* Resist taking responsibility for sinful behaviour and make excuses or shift blame \* Stubbornness \* Selfishness \* Selfish Exploitation of others \* Controlling \* Self centeredness \* Selfish ambition \* Attitude of self-importance and superiority toward others \* Selfish motivations \* Quick to anger \* Unforgiving \* Looking down upon or disdaining others \* Know it all attitude \* Unteachable spirit \* Independent attitude \* Tendency to boast of one’s accomplishments and superiority \* A desire to compete with others rather than serve \* Disrespectful or a too familiar attitude with authorities \* Tendency to be offended when corrected \* Quick to complain and put others down, a critical spirit \* Harsh or belittling when correcting others \* Tendency to mock and make fun of others with derogatory or belittling comments \* Rebellious disobedient attitude that stirs up strife and division \* Impatient, aggressive, pushy and unthankful \* Insensitive to others situations or needs \* Inconsiderate of others \* Seek to be served rather that to serve \*Envy or jealousy toward others due to God’s blessing or gifting.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you examine your heart and repent of any areas of pride He reveals in your life. Pray that the Lord would teach you the ways of humility.

**F) Death to Self Brings God’s Life and Power to Overcome**

Another important key to becoming a Conqueror is the realization and revelation that our lives are not our own. “*Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your Spirit which are God’s.”* (I Corinthians 6:18-20 NKJV). Jesus has purchased our lives through His own precious blood. Our time, our talents, our resources, our body, our very lives are not ours, but are His to do with and direct as He pleases. Again, yielding or surrendering to Christ’s Lordship over every area of our lives including what we look at and what we do sexually is vital to victory. When we humbly determine to yield our bodies to do what God desires with them, all heaven comes to our assistance to help us supernaturally overcome temptation. *“No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, and He will not permit you to be tempted above what you can endure, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it”* (1 Corinthians 10:13). However, if we choose to stubbornly hold onto our lives and do our own desires, then all of hell’s forces come to bear to drive us away from God and ever further into lukewarmness and fruitlessness. We must by His grace die to self in order to receive His unlimited life and power to overcome and bear fruit for His glory (Mark 8:34-35; John 12:24-26; Romans 8:11-14; Galatians 2:20).

**G) Demolishing Destructive Words and Vows and Closing Dark Doors of Access**

We can ask the Holy Spirit to remind us of any destructive vows we may have made in the past and He will (Example: “If anyone ever treats me like this again, I’ll make them pay for it!”). Then we will need to renounce them before God and seek Him for cleansing from any unforgiveness, anger or bitterness that may have been associated with these incidents (Matthew 6:14-15). We also need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us speak positive, life producing words over ourselves and others. We need to repent of all unwholesome, silly or foolish talking along with all crude or vulgar joking (Proverbs 18:21; Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:1-7; James 3:2-12). Dark doors of access may include false religious books or images, music (rock, heavy metal, rap, hip hop, etc. including supposed Christian versions of such styles), past involvements in perverse sex, sexual abuse, violent trauma or occultic activities such as Ouija Board, Palm reading, etc. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern items or involvements from your past that need to be removed, renounced or healed. If you would like further understanding and assistance in dealing with this area please request our Operation Demolition and 14 Root Spirits outline for further help. We’ll gladly send it to you and if you would like personal ministry in this area please contact us (see below).

**Conclusion:**

We hope and pray that this material has proven helpful in bringing you into the total victory Jesus purchased for you with His own precious Blood. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you further, please feel free to contact us at the email or the phone number below. May the Lord greatly bless, strengthen and guide you into all His good purposes and plans for your life.

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