

## ***“Overcoming the World”***

### **The Downward Spiral of Lost Humanity (Romans 1:18-32)**

- God displayed his \_\_\_\_\_ to us in \_\_\_\_\_.
- We refused to \_\_\_\_\_.
- We exchanged the \_\_\_\_\_ of God for \_\_\_\_\_.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and worshipped the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God gave us over to be \_\_\_\_\_ by our \_\_\_\_\_.
- We pursue \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of those who \_\_\_\_\_ it.

### **Where does that leave us?**

1. **Know that evil is \_\_\_\_\_, and that we have \_\_\_\_\_ that wants to \_\_\_\_\_ us.** (John 10:10a, I Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11)
2. **When we're living as \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, we will encounter \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.** (John 15:18-20, II Timothy 3:12-13)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ **is an appropriate response to \_\_\_\_\_.** (Romans 1:18, Ephesians 4:26-27)
4. **Our anger is \_\_\_\_\_ to the evil around us.** (James 1:19-20)
5. **Don't let the darkness \_\_\_\_\_.** (John 16:33, John 1:5)
6. **The only thing that will \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(John 15:20-21, Romans 12:21, 8:28)
7. **As we grieve the \_\_\_\_\_ of this broken world, let us not \_\_\_\_\_.**

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- God displayed his glory to us in Creation.
- We refused to acknowledge God.
- We exchanged the truth of God for lies.
- We suppressed the truth and worshipped the creation rather than the Creator.
- God gave us over to be consumed by our lusts.
- We pursue evil, and approve of those who embrace it.

### **Where does that leave us?**

1. **Know that evil is real, and that we have an enemy that wants to destroy us.** (John 10:10a, I Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:11)
2. **When we’re living as followers of Jesus, we will encounter hardship and persecution.** (John 15:18-20, II Timothy 3:12-13)
3. **Anger is an appropriate response to evil.** (Romans 1:18, Ephesians 4:26-27)
4. **Our anger is not the solution to the evil around us.** (James 1:19-20)
5. **Don’t let the darkness overwhelm you.** (John 16:33, John 1:5)
6. **The only thing that will change the world is the gospel.** (John 15:20-21, Romans 12:21, 8:28)
7. **As we grieve the sinfulness of this broken world, let us not overlook our own.**