

## **Overcoming an Addiction by Faith**

- 1. The focus is not on the addiction, but on Jesus and the personal relationship with Him.**
- 2. The victory for the results, takes awhile with some ups and downs, and are not immediately visible on the outside.**
- 3. Your “power of will” is to be used for the pursuit of time with Jesus for a relationship, rather than used to fight the addiction.**
- 4. Since Jesus offers the sinner, forgiveness, love, compassion, understanding, and help; the addicted person will feel more and more comfortable in His presence, and will continue to desire more time for the relationship.**
- 5. Once started on the process of recovery, the addict will fall many times; and Jesus understands the weakness of our flesh, because He fell down many times while carrying the cross to Calvary.**
- 6. After every fall the addicted person must turn back to Jesus as soon as possible to receive forgiveness without condemnation, so that he may glory in what his savior will do for him.**
- 7. The sinner must express over and over again about the “confidence and faith” in his redeemer to overcome the addiction within his body as the addict surrenders himself to the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- 8. Little by little, God takes away the desire for that addiction and the person, allowing Christ to work in him will become stronger and the once overwhelming addiction will fade away.**