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1 John 5:1-3 (ESV)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.

² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

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1 John 5:4,5 (ESV)

⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith.

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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1John 5:6-9 (ESV)

⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

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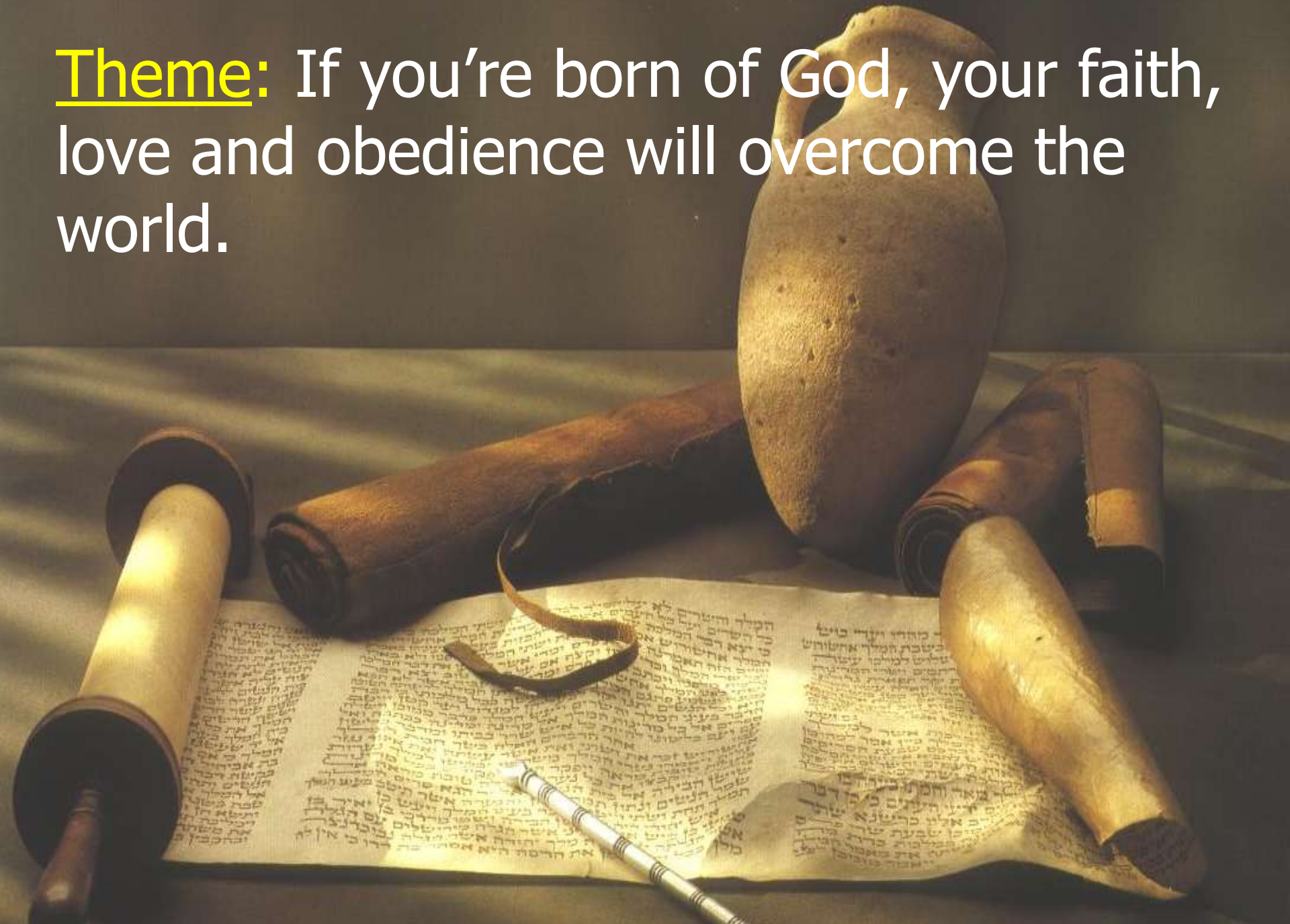
1 John 5:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



Overcoming the World
1 John 5:1-12

Theme: If you're born of God, your faith, love and obedience will overcome the world.



Pressure Equalization Sustains Life



Birth Proof: Truth, Love, Holiness (5:1-3)

- **Truth (faith):** Believing Jesus is Christ proves we're begotten by God.
- **Love:** Loving the Father implies loving the other children.
- **Holiness (obedience):** Obeying God's commands proves we love Him and His people. And since love enables us, the commands aren't burdensome.

Result of Birth: Overcoming (5:4,5)

- Overcoming the world is characteristic of those born of God.
 - Overcoming- *nikao*
 - The world- *kosmos*
- **How** do we overcome? “And this is the victory that has overcome the world— our faith.”
- Faith has an object (Christ) and puts truth into action. It is not faith in faith. John 16:33; Rom 8:37; 12:21, 1Cor 15:54-57

Result of Birth: Overcoming (5:4,5)

- Faith focuses on Christ's life, death and resurrection for us, as well as His prayer for us in John 17.
- We overcome as we put on Christ and His work for us and put off the flesh & the world. He overcame so we can overcome!

Witness to Birth: Water, Blood & Spirit (5:6-12)

- **Water:** Christ's birth? His baptism?
- **Blood:** Christ's death.
- **Spirit:** The Holy Spirit interprets & teaches what the water and blood mean. Gnostics said "The Christ" descended on Jesus at baptism and left before His death.
- **Witness:** Life is in the Son. He who has the Son as life. Not have son not have life.

Demonstrating our birth

5:1
New
Birth
Faith Love Obedience



Overcoming

New Birth
Proven
5:12

Applications

- Today, I choose to be an overcomer, especially in _____.
- What does it take to overcome the world?
- Am I a slave to opinion, fashion, people's frowns or fame?