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Introduction: We spend a lot of time staring at barriers. We don't know how to cross them, when to burn them, or if they are meant to help us. In all honesty, many of the barriers in our lives are Satan's way of obstructing our view to God's blessings. In this lesson we will discuss the barriers we need to overcome and how to do it. Let's study together...

Discussion:

*1) Overcome the Fear Barrier*

- Overflow With Love (I John 4:17-21)
- Obedience Like Hosea (Hosea 1-14)

*2) Overcome the Grief Barrier*

- Overflow With Joy (John 14:1-7)
- Obedience Like Mary & Martha (John 11:1-44)

*3) Overcome the Conflict Barrier*

- Overflow With Peace (Matthew 5:9-12)
- Obedience Like Saul (Acts 9:1-22)

*4) Overcome the Discouragement Barrier*

- Overflow With Patience (Romans 8:18-25)
- Obedience Like Job (Job 1-2, 42)

*5) Overcome the Prejudice Barrier*

- Overflow With Kindness (Luke 6:32-38)
- Obedience Like Jonah (Luke 9:54, John 4:1-42)

*6) Overcome the Wickedness Barrier*

- Overflow With Goodness (Galatians 6:7-10)
- Obedience Like Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

*7) Overcome the Worry Barrier*

- Overflow With Faithfulness (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Obedience Like David (Psalm 23, 27, 34, 61)

*8) Overcome the Pride Barrier*

- Overflow With Gentleness (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- Obedience Like Nicodemus (John 3:1-21, 7:50-51, 19:39-42)

*9) Overcome the Selfishness Barrier*

- Overflow With Self-Control (I Corinthians 9:24-27)
- Obedience Like Peter (Matthew 16:23, I Peter 5:8)

Conclusion: These are just a handful of barriers that we have to cross in our life. I chose these because the Bible gives us a specific prescription for each one. We are also given multiple Bible stories to show how to overcome these barriers. Maybe you noticed a pattern in these points (Galatians 5:22-23). The inner strength God gives us is enough to overcome anything. There is nothing impossible with God! Are you ready to get beyond your barriers? Will you let God help you overcome, overflow, and obey?