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We shall overcome

Good morning, teachers and students. Today, I'd like to share with you a popular Christian hymn called "We shall overcome".

The lyrics or words of the hymn "We shall overcome" are as follows:

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We are not afraid today.

Boys and girls, I like this song very much, and I have three points to share with you.

Firstly, when we are facing difficulties and problems, we are not alone. The song says "we shall overcome", but not "I shall overcome". The song says "we'll walk hand in hand", but not "I walk hand in hand myself", so it implies that we are not alone. In the Gospel of John Chapter 16 Verse 32, when Jesus faced great difficulty, He said, "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home.

You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.” (約翰福音 16:32 「看哪，時候將到，且是已經到了，你們要分散，各歸自己的地方去，留下我獨自一人；其實我不是獨自一人，因為有父與我同在。」) In other words, when Jesus faced a great problem or trouble, he did not think that he was alone. Boys and girls, remember that whenever you are facing any difficulties, you are not alone. You have a lot of angels like your classmates, teachers and parents standing beside you. Just as another song “Stand by me” says,

When the night has come
And the land is dark
And the moon is the only light we'll see
No I won't be afraid
Oh, I won't be afraid
Just as long as you stand, stand by me

Boys and girls, remember that you are not alone. Your classmates, teachers and parents always stand by your side.

Secondly, we shall overcome all problems because our God is with us.

As the song says, “The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday; Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome someday.” So, believe in God, and you will overcome the difficulty. The word “overcome” means “to succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem that has been preventing you from achieving something”. With the help of God, you will succeed in dealing with or controlling problems. Boys and girls, remember the promise that God has made to Joshua in the Bible Joshua Chapter 1 Verse 5 “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

(約書亞記 1:5 「你平生的日子，必無一人能在你面前站立得住。我怎樣與摩西同在，也必照樣與你同在。我必不撇下你，也不丟棄你。」) Remember that God is with you. God will not leave you alone. God will help you.

Thirdly, be patient, because we shall overcome someday, but not today. “Someday” means “at some time in the future”, but not now. Actually, we do not know the exact time. So, be patient. Problems will not be solved overnight. Neither will problems be solved suddenly and

quickly. But the promise is: the problem will be solved someday. So, deep in our heart, we are not afraid.

In conclusion, boys and girls, when we are facing difficulties, remember that you are not alone and God will definitely help you. But be patient, because problems will be solved someday, but not overnight.