

# Soar Above the Roar in 2024 | 1 John 5:1-12

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## OVERVIEW

“Cuz all God kids can stan up agains da bad kine stuff inside da world an win. An dis how we win: We trus God!” (1 John 5:4, Hawaii Pidgin Bible)

## OHANA TIME!

**Icebreaker:** Does anybody in your group have Hawaiian ancestry?  
**Or** Who speaks the best pidgin?

**Activity:** Read a chapter from the Hawaii Pidgin Bible.

## PRAYER

**Pray as a group:** Give thanks to God who has given us the power to overcome the world, whatever pressures or attacks we may face as followers of Christ.

## BIBLE: READ 1 JOHN 5:1-12

1. What key motifs/words are found in 1 John 5:1-12?
2. In verse 1, what does it mean to be “born of God?”
3. Loving one another is evidence that one loves God. What does love for one another look like?
4. While God’s commands are demanding, why are they not a burden for believers?
5. What “bad kine stuff” is in our world today that make it difficult for Christians to live out their faith?
6. “For everyone born of God overcomes the world” (verse 4). How are believers able to overcome the world?
7. What can you learn from the testimonies of each of these Hawaiian Christians who stood their ground in faith under immense political, societal, and spiritual pressure?
  1. Henry O (Sacrifice):
  2. Queen Kapiolani (Courage):
  3. King Kamehameha III (Boldness):
  4. Queen Liliuokalani (Grace/Humility):
8. What “testimony” (proof) has God shown you regarding His grace and love for you?

## APPLICATION

1. A “testimony” openly acknowledges your personal experience of following Jesus Christ. Testimonies glorify God and encourage/bless those who listen.
  - a. Start with a Story: Think of a time God showed up in your life and it forever changed your faith. Pick something relatable that would be easy to share with a friend going through a hard time.
  - b. How did God change you? What did you discover about God? How has that changed your relationship with Him?
  - c. How can your testimony encourage/bless? “If He can do it for me, He can do it for you!”

