



Living By Faith Part 7—More than a Conqueror?

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Our hope is not in the things that we see but in the invisible kingdom that Jesus is establishing.

[Romans 8:31-39, ESV]

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The process is just as important as the final destination.

You can be in the middle of an attack and still be more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus.

Being more than a conqueror—

1. Knowing our position in Jesus.

God is for you! We don't fight for victory; We fight from a place victory in Christ.

2. Embracing the process of becoming more like Jesus.

Being dead to self is the condition where the mere fact that I do not get what I want does not surprise or offend me and has no control over me.—Dallas Willard

[Matthew 6:31-34, ESV]

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

If you’ve given everything to Jesus, absolutely nothing can be taken from you.

[Psalms 73:25-26, ESV]

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Identify things in your life that try to tear you down or attack you, and begin to pray from a place of victory.
2. Hone in on Scripture where we see people being “more than conquerors” in Christ. (Paul, Timothy, Peter, Mary Magdalene, Lazarus, etc.) Try to imagine yourself in his or her situation.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What are some of your takeaways from the first eight chapters of Romans? In this series, what has stuck with you so far?
2. How does the book of Romans shift in Chapter 8.31 and the verses that follow?
3. In verses 38-39, we hear that nothing can separate us from the love of God. What does it mean to be more than a conqueror?
4. In light of the last season we’ve lived through, what does it look like to be “more than a conqueror” in your own life?
5. Why do you think people often look toward the end-goal, overlooking the value of the process?
6. When we try to find success and value in things versus the One who conquered death, what results? What is the draw to choose

sin over choosing Jesus, and why are the benefits always temporary?

7. Do you know your position in Jesus, and are you in the process of getting more formed into the image of Jesus?
8. What does it entail for you and those around you to “seek first the Kingdom of God” right now? What are ways that the local church can do that locally and globally in these days?