# (Romans 8:31-39) "We are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

- A. It seems that we are troubled on every side.
  - 1. Every day we hear of wars and rumors of wars.
    - > ISIS kills 50 here, and beheads 21 there...
    - > Militant sodomites attacking Christian businesses and Pastors.
  - 2. The Church seems powerless against these attacks.
    - > Instead of standing strong, many Christians cower in fear.
    - > At times, I am one of them that fear.
    - > Is there no Victory?
    - > Has the Church become powerless against this godless world?
- "NAY, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US."
  - B. The Bible has much to say...
    - 1. [1 John 4:4]
      - > "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD."
    - 2. [1 John 5:4-5]
      - > "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH.
      - > "Who is he that overcometh the world, but HE THAT BELIEVETH THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?"
    - 3. [John 16:33]
      - > "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. <u>In the world ye shall have tribulation</u>: BUT BE OF GOOD CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."
    - 4. [Revelation 12:11]
      - > "And they overcame him BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."
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# **MORE THAN CONQUERORS**

- I. Conquerors.
  - A. The definition of a conqueror.
    - 1. To overcome by force or fighting;
      - > To subdue, especially in war; crush the resistance of; vanquish.

- 2. To overcome by mental or moral power;
  - > To subdue by an inward struggle; surmount or remove by effort.
- 3. To gain in war or by fighting;
  - > To win or secure by a struggle in which obstruction or opposition is OVERCOME.
  - > Could be called Over-comers!

That is the definition of Conquerors; BUT...

- B. The Bible says, "We are MORE than conquers..."
  - 1. We can over come the enemy without any force.
    - > I don't have to overcome by force or fighting!
  - 2. I don't even have to overcome by great mental or moral power.
    - > We are more than conquerors "THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US!"
  - 3. I ALREADY have the victory, through Jesus.
    - > "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you..." [2 Chron 20:17]
  - 4. The enemy has already Lost... (Listen to This!)
    - > "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and <u>every</u> tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement THOU SHALL CONDEMN. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OF ME, saith the Lord."
- C. The only thing that can defeat us is Doubt!
  - 1. The only way we can lose is by a lack of Faith.
    - > "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."
    - > The Lord Jesus limited His power because of their unbelief.
  - 2. "Jesus said unto him...
    - > ...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

# II. The Weapons of a Conqueror!

- A. PRAYER.
  - 1. [Philip 4:6-7] "Be careful for nothing..."
    - > That means DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!"
  - 2. "But in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."
    - > Don't worry about it, Tell God about it.

- 3. "Ad the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your HEARTS AND MINDS through Christ Jesus."
  - > Sometimes it's a HEART problem and sometimes it's a MIND problem.
  - > But God said He would keep our Hearts and Minds, through Christ Jesus.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh WHAT PEACE WE OFTEN FORFEIT,
Oh WHAT NEEDLESS PAIN WE BEAR;
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer.

# 4. Many lack victory because they lack prayer.

- > Prayer can accomplish much...
- > "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man AVAILETH MUCH."

# 5. Prayer Moves the Hand of God.

- > "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will."
- > If God can turn the direction of a great river... He can turn the heart of a man!

# 6. God can turn the hearts of a local judge, or a Supreme Court Judge.

> Prayer makes us more than Conquerors through Him that Loves us!

#### B. PEACE.

- 1. Peace has to do with Faith.
  - > Many lack God's peace, because they have no faith.
  - > They live in fear and doubt instead of faith and confidence.

# 2. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord..."

- > Its hard to have Peace, when things are spinning round faster than you can deal with.
- > But its in the midst of the trouble that you must Trust God.
- > Psa 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him OUT OF THEM ALL."

#### 3. [Hebrews 13:5]

- > "Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I WILL NEVER LEAVE THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE."
- > "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, SO I WILL BE WITH THEE: I WILL NOT FAIL THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE."
- > "For the LORD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE FOR HIS GREAT NAME'S SAKE: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people."
- > "I have been young, and now am old; YET HAVE I NOT SEEN THE RIGHTEOUS FORSAKEN, nor his seed begging bread."
- > Trust in the Lord. Trust His Promises.
- > He said, HE WOULD NEVER LEAVE US NOR FORSAKE US!

#### 4. [Psalm 91]

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 I will say of the LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS: MY GOD; IN HIM WILL I TRUST.
- 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee WITH HIS FEATHERS, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall NOT COME NIGH THEE.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I WILL BE WITH HIM IN TROUBLE; I WILL DELIVER HIM, and honour him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

#### The Weapons of a Conqueror are....

PRAYER; Have power with God in PRAYER; PEACE; Trust God, and Stand firm in PEACE! And...

#### C. PRAISE.

### 1. There is something about Shouting that build of Faith in what we do...

- > God commanded Israel to march around Jericho once a day for seven days...
- > And on the seventh day, to march seven times, and then Shout the walls down.

### 2. God gave Joshua the Victory, and the Shouted again in Glory to God.

- > The shouted BEFORE the battle to knock the walls down.
- > They shouted DURING the battle as they ran in with their swords drawn!
- > Then they Shouted AFTER the battle giving glory to God.

#### 3. God likes Praise; God inhabits Praise; God even Commands Praise...

> "Clap your hands all ye people, Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!"

#### 4. Paul and Silas had been beaten with many stripes...

- > Then they were cast into prison, and placed in stocks.
- > While they were in the very uncomfortable position with their backs bleeding from the stripes...
- > "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them."
- > What do you do when your beaten and cast in Prison?
- > You SING PRAISES UNTO GOD!

- 5. Some wear long faces and possess negative attitudes because they lack the victory.
  - > But they don't realize that one of our greatest weapons against the enemy is Praising God.
  - > "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."
  - > Sometimes praise is given as a sacrifice to God, the fruit of our lips...

# III. We are What God says we are.

- A. We are More Than Conquerors.
  - 1. God changed Abrams name to Abraham, "The Father of Nations."
    - > Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was in her 90's when God told him that.
    - > They were well past productive years, but God called him the Father of nations.
    - > And he became so, because God calls things that are not as though they were...
  - 2. It may not seem like it, but we are the conquerors.
    - > We are the Victors.
    - > We will win the battle.
    - > BECAUSE GOD SAID SO!
    - > And its time we Believe it and Claim it!

Stop setting low expectations

Stop striving to be average

Stop trying to just get by...

Stop trying to barely make it,

Stop Living an average life,

Stop being an average employee, or an average student.

Stop believing that your beyond your limits Get rid of that defeated frame of mind.

Stir up the gift that's within you

It's not too late to go back to school
It's not too late to start a business

It's not too late to write a book

It's not too late to achieve your goals

It's not too late to make your dreams come true.

It's not too late to overcome your fears.

We walk in the Light not in darkness.

WE LIVE IN DEFEAT BUT WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS.

When you are more than a conqueror you might be persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed.

Don't listen to the report of news media, Listen to the Word of the Lord. He said that you are more than a conqueror. God promises that our future is going to be better than the past.

# He said you are the head and not the tail.

You can conquer diabetes

YOU CAN CONQUER STRESS

YOU CAN CONQUER YOUR DEPRESSION

### You can conquer your financial struggles

YOU HAVE THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH IN YOUR TONGUE BUT I SUGGEST THAT YOU SPEAK LIFE.

# There is a great power within you because greater is he that is within you than he that is in the world.

WHEN YOU ARE MORE THAN A CONQUEROR YOU HAVE BECOME A...

#### A Giant Killer

A Fire Walker

#### A Red Sea Parter

A Demon Fighter

#### A Mountain Mover

A Royal Priesthood

# A Holy Nation

A Peculiar People

#### A Chosen Generation

A child of the most high King

## A ruler over darkness in high places

You say that I can't do it, BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST THAT STRENGTHENS ME.

# You say I don't know what to do today, BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS THAT THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD.

You say that I am tired, BUT A CONQUERORS SAYS BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING. You say that I am afraid to break out of my comfort zone, BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS THAT GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US THE SPIRIT OF FEAR.

You say that I am not smart enough, but a conqueror says IF ANY LACK WISDOM, LET HIM ASK OF GOD, WHO GIVETH TO ALL MEN LIBERALLY!

You say I can't see it, BUT A CONQUEROR WALKS BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT.

You say that GOD has forgotten me, but a conqueror says that GOD IS A VERY PRESENT HELP IN THE TIME OF TROUBLE.

You say that I am too weak to get through this.

# I am too weak to get this done...

BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS I AM WEAK BUT THOU ART STRONG. THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH.

You say that I am been diagnosed with a disease, BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS THAT BY HIS STRIPES I AM HEALED.

- You say that it seems like I am all alone, BUT CONQUEROR SAYS SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.
- GOD SAID I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU.
- You say that you don't have enough, BUT A CONQUEROR SAYS THAT GOD IS MORE THAN ENOUGH AND HE WILL SUPPLY ALL OF MY NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY.
- YOU SAY, I AM SO DEFEATED, I DON'T THINK I CAN GO ON... But a conqueror says...
- "NAY, IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM THAT LOVED US."