



STAND FIRM

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

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MEDITATION TIME:

Welcome to our weekly small group BIBLE MEDITATION outline. The goal is to get people chewing on the Word of God. We use a simple strategy called **S. O. A. P.** to guide us through.

Let's dive in:

S - SCRIPTURE: Today's text(s) are:

Romans 8:37-39

John 10:10

John 10:27-29

Philippians 2:9-11

Ephesians 3:16-18

We encourage you to each read a verse as you go round the group - use whatever translation you have.

If you don't want to read aloud then just nudge the person after you, but do your best to join in.

O - OBSERVATION:

The goal here is to underline or highlight the verse that stands out to you the most.

What verse that catches your attention?

What words or phrases in that verse stand out in particular?

Take a few moments individually to answer these questions.

A - APPLICATION: Now ask people to take turns to share their verse, by getting them to answer these two questions:

Which verse did you choose and what is it saying?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit is highlighting this verse to you?

P - PRAYER: Once everyone has had a chance to share their verses, close the evening with a round of prayer.

Ask everyone to turn their verse and what they felt God saying to them into a short prayer for the rest of the group.

Go clockwise around the table giving everyone a chance to pray.

Summary

This sermon concludes our series on 'Standing Firm' by exploring what it means to be 'More Than a Conqueror' based on Romans 8:37-39.

It emphasizes that our ability to stand firm depends not just on our own efforts but primarily on Jesus who has already won the victory at the cross. It was explained that because believers are in Christ and Christ is in them, His victory becomes their victory. This victory is not something to strive for but an identity to be lived.

The sermon outlines three key points using 'three P's': understanding our Position in Christ's victory, recognizing the Proximity of God's love that ensures we're never alone, and adopting a Posture to advance God's kingdom rather than merely surviving.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Our ability to stand firm depends not just on our efforts but primarily on Jesus who has already won the victory at the cross.
- Victory is not something we strive to achieve but an identity we live from - we are already more than conquerors.
- Because we are in Christ and Christ is in us, His victory has become our victory in every area of life.
- God's love ensures we are never alone in our struggles; nothing can separate us from His love.

- As more than conquerors, we are called not just to survive but to advance God's Kingdom in our lives and in the world.

GOING DEEPER:

Choose three or four questions that stand out for you as a group to discuss.

Questions:

- 1.It was said that 'Jesus, your victory is my victory in every area of my life.' What areas of your life do you find it difficult to apply this truth to?**
- 2.How would you explain the difference between being a conqueror and being 'more than a conqueror'?**

3.The sermon mentioned that victory should become our identity rather than something we strive to achieve. What does it look like to live from a place of victory rather than fighting for victory?

4.It was mentioned that it's often easier to accept Jesus as Saviour than to surrender to Him as Lord. In what areas of your life do you struggle to surrender control?

5.The sermon described faith as 'choosing to believe what is true above your situation, circumstance, or position.' Can you share a time when you had to exercise this kind of faith?

6.As believers who are 'more than conquerors,' we're called not just to

**survive but to advance God's kingdom.
What might this look like in your daily life
this week?**

ACTION STEP

This week, identify one area in your life where you've been fighting for victory rather than living from victory. It might be a relationship struggle, a persistent sin, a fear, or a challenging circumstance.

Write down Romans 8:37 and personalize it: 'In this situation with a specific challenge, I am more than a conqueror through Christ who loves me.' Each morning, declare this truth over that situation, and throughout the day, practice responding to challenges from a position of victory rather than fear or striving. At the end of each day, journal how viewing yourself as 'more

than a conqueror' changed your perspective or actions.

Romans 8:37-39

37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. 38

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 10:10

10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life

John 10:27-29

7 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else.[a] No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ephesians 3:16-18

16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him.

Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.