



How to Be Overwhelming Conquerors in All Circumstances

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1. **Hope** - Compare our future glory with our current suffering

Romans 8:18 for I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

2. **Faith** - Trust God to use our suffering for good

Faith in God's prayer life for us during suffering

²⁶ And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words;

²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Faith in God's performance to use all things for our good

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

"The chain" = our security

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; (see footnotes)

and whom He called, these He also justified;

and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

3. Love - Rest in the assurance of the eternal love of God

³¹ What then shall we say to these things?

Q1: If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Q2: ³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Q3: ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Footnotes: God's "call" greatly enhances our security

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

³⁶ "But I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

³⁹ "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

⁴⁰ "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹ The Jews therefore were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread that came down out of heaven."

⁴² And they were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.

⁴⁴ "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Acts 16:13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to a riverside, where we were supposing that there would be a place of prayer; and we sat down and began speaking to the women who had assembled.

¹⁴ And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshiper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.

Galatians 1:13 ... you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure, and tried to destroy it;

¹⁴ and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.

¹⁵ But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased

¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles...

2 Thessalonians 2:13 ...we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.

¹⁴ And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm...

2 Timothy 1:8 ...do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with *me* in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

⁹ who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.