



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;

and whom He called, these He also justified;

and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things?

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

God is for us

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?

God has made us righteous

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.

God is holding on to us

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. (See footnotes page 4)

The Great Sorrow of Overwhelming Conquerors

Romans 9:1 I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

² that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed, *separated* from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

⁴ who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the *temple* service and the promises,

⁵ whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Footnotes:

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ "My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ "I and the Father are one."

2 Timothy 4:16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:3 Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

⁴ *Let marriage be held* in honor among all, and let the *marriage bed be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

⁵ Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

⁶ so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?"

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