

SURVIVING OR THRIVING?



“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.” Rom. 8:37

To be a Conqueror means that:

Your faith is resolute.

You are progressing in Holiness.

You are seeing results.

“So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And not you are united with the one who raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.” Rom. 7:4 (NLT)

Your love is strong.

You have experienced Christ's love and are secure in that love.

What sorts of things may keep us from being a champion, confident in the Love of Christ?



1. EMOTIONAL STUFF. Vs. 35a

**“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation, or distress...”**



2. PHYSICAL STUFF. Vs. 35b

“...or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” vs. 35b

“I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.” 2 Cor. 11:27

“No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me,” declares the Lord.” Isa. 54:17 (NIV)

“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.’” vs. 36

**“... ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.’”
Matt. 16:24-25**

“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:24

“Always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” 2 Cor. 4:10

“He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. Unjustly condemned he was led away...but it was the Lord’s good plan to crush him and cause him grief...” Isa. 53:7-8a, 10 (NLT)

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



3. WORLDLY STUFF. Vs. 38, 39

**“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life...
nor things present, nor things to come...nor height,
nor depth...”**



4. OUT OF THIS WORLD STUFF. Vs. 38-39

**“...nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers...
nor any other created thing.”**

APPLICATION FOR ME:

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything you do and say.” 2 Thess. 2:16-17 (NLT)

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