

Marriage Series 2009, (#1)
“OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER”

We begin a new series of studies on the subject of marriage. The goal of this series of studies on marriage is to rekindle the word of God in you heart regarding your marriage so that you will have an enjoyable and romantic date by February 14, 2009.

My prayer for this series of studies is that you will have the experience of the two believers on the Road to Emmaus: “And they said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?’” (Luke 24:32)

This lesson is designed to encourage the typical Christian to be a Super Victor amidst great adversities in their marriages and lives.

Today’s lesson will study five aspects of how Christians can OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER adversities in their marriage and lives.

1. In the greater context of our lesson text (Rom. 8:31-39), Paul used rhetorical questions and the interrogative pronoun (tis) to correct doctrinal problems in CWL.

Paul used the interrogative pronoun (tis) to introduce the rhetorical questions related to the doctrinal problems

- Rom.8:31 (what / asn)
- Rom 8:32 (who / nsm)
- Rom 8:33 (who / nsm)
- Rom 8:34 (who / nsm)
- Rom 8:35 (who / nsm)

Today’s lesson text (Rom 8:35-39) will focus on the last interrogative pronoun and rhetorical questions – “Who (tis) shall separate (chorizo / f.a.ind. 3ps) us (hemas / a.pl.m) [Church Age Believers] from (apo+abl. of ultimate source) [positional truth] the love (tes agape / abl.s.f) of Christ (tou Christos / gsm)?” (Rom 8:35a)

The point Paul is making is the impossibility of separation from the love of Christ. This point is extended to a seven-fold rhetorical question – “Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (Rom 8:35b)

2. Paul’s answer is that no adversity or suffering in the CWL can separate the Christian from the LOVE THAT CHRIST HAS FOR HIM because of positional truth (Rom 8:36/ quote/ Ps.44:22) (2 Cor.5:17).

In fact, we are capable of being super victor’s in the midst of great adversities - “But **in** (en+loc) [not away from] **all these things** we overwhelmingly conquer (hupernikao / p.a.ind. 1pl) [**SUPER VICTOR**] through (dia+abl. of agent) Him who loved (tou agapao / a.a.ptc.ablsm) us.” (Rom 8:37)

3. To intensify this point, Paul extends his list of seven adversities to 17 with a catch 13.

“For I am convinced that [neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depths, nor any other created things (catch 13) - SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.” (Rom 8:38-39)

Note that the Christian must be convinced (**peitho / perf.p.ind.1ps**) [**persuaded by God's faithfulness to His promises**] (**Rom.4:21**) [**faith cycle**] that there is NO adversity in CWL that is greater than the love that Christ has for him (Rom 8:38).

IT CANNOT separate us from His love to us. However, it may separate our love to Him (Rev.2:4) [Church of Ephesus]

PROMISE: The love of God and the love of Christ are inseparably united in every believer who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16).

- “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)
- “My Father, who has given them to Me, IS GREATER THAN ALL; and no one shall snatch them out of the Father's hand.”(John 10:29)

Because the Lord who loves and lives in each believer IS GREATER THAN ALL, each believer can be a SUPER VICTOR in his/her marriage.

4. Notice that Paul takes the role of cheerleader rather than coach in our lesson text. He is encouraging believers to be SUPER VICTORS.

Paul does not offer any solutions as to how we can OVERWHELMINGLY CONQUER any and all adversities of CWL. Rather he encourages us to be **convinced** (**peitho / perf.p.ptc**) that NOTHING “shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom 8:39)

5. However, Paul was a coach earlier in Rom 8:1-17 regarding the ministry of indwelling Holy Spirit.

“But if (1cc / and it's true that) the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells (**oikeo / p.a.ind.3ps**) in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells (**enoikeo / p.a.ptc**) you.” (Rom 8:11; 1 Cor.6:19-20; John 14:16-17)

The love of God is **poured into** our hearts like a seed at the moment of salvation by the indwelling Holy Spirit “And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom.5:5; Gal.3:2-3)

This love of God is **poured out** of our hearts like fruit after salvation by the indwelling Holy Spirit: “But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no Law.” (Gal.5:22-23)

Therefore, it is essential that Christian couples walk, be led, have fruit, and live by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-25; James 1:14-15; 1 John 1:9).

The point that Paul has made is that we must be **convinced (faith cycle)** by the truth of God's word that **NOTHING** in all creation (his catch 13) can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I said NOTHING!

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