

The Victory in Jesus Christ

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Summary of the Message

We are finishing our series on Overcoming Trials and Temptation. This week, we were reminded that no tribulation can separate us from the love of God, and we are called to remain faithful to Him. Above all, when we face trials, we must remember this truth: Jesus has already overcome the world.

Romans 8:37 “No, **in all these things** we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us”. This verse answers the question in the previous verse, that says: *Romans 8:35-36* “Who shall separate us from the **love** of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?” So, this means that nothing, no trials or hardships can separate us from the love of God, that is Jesus Christ that lived and died for us.

Isaiah 59:2 “But your **iniquities** have separated you from your **God**; your **sins** have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear”. We cannot be separated from the Love of God, but we can be separated from God because of our sins. That’s why remaining faithful to God is essential. We see this in the lives of Job, Joseph, and Paul, who stayed faithful despite adversity. By contrast, the Israelites’ disobedience turned what could have been a 40-day journey into 40- years.

Jhon 15:1-2 “I am the true vine, and my father is the gardener. He **cuts off** every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he **prunes** so that it will be even more **fruitful**.” The word “prune” in greek means to cleanse, purge or purify. God prunes those who desire to grow n Him, but those who refuse will eventually be cut off.

James 1:2-4 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face **trials** of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let **perseverance** finish its work so that you may be **mature and complete**, not lacking anything. Many of ur are immature and incomplete

because we are not faithful. But when we remain in God, He transforms our perspective, teaching us to see trials not as obstacles, but as opportunities for growth.

We need to always remember that Jesus overcame the world, and in Him we have victory.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

- How many of you in this past week had some troubles or faced something that you did not want to?
- If you had to describe this week in one word, what would it be and why?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

- How can we be more faithful to God?
- Who is someone in your life that inspires you to stay faithful to God?
- Romans 8:37 says we are more than conquerors. What do you think this means in everyday life?

Start Sharing

- How are you responding when facing difficult situations? Are you remaining in God, or trying to do things your way?
- When you are feeling “cut off” from God, what helps you to return to Him?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

- What is one act of obedience you can practice this week?
- What’s one area of your life where you need to persevere instead of giving up?
- How can you remind yourself daily that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ?

Praying.

Lord, we thank you because nothing can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ. Teach us to remain faithful during tribulations. Give us perseverance in the

face of challenges and remind us daily that Jesus has already overcome the world. That's our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team: become a volunteer!
- HOP every friday 7pm at Formation Center.
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry.