

# More Than Conquerors

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In this study, we look at Romans 8:31–39 where we read in verse 37: *in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* Christ Jesus lived a perfect life, suffered and died for each one of us. Because He rose again from the dead, we, too, can look forward to eternal life in heaven with Him. He is victorious and so are we!

With your partner or the small group: First — brainstorm various phrases that contain the words “more than.” Then — define what is usually meant when you hear a phrase that begins with “more than.”

**Opening Prayer:** Dear Lord, You are King over all! We praise You for giving the gift of Your Son Jesus to live a perfect life, suffer, die for our sins, and rise to life again. You give us Your Spirit and the faith to believe in Jesus. Because of that faith, Christ’s victory over sin, death, and the devil becomes ours. What comfort it gives to know that we are *more than conquerors* through Jesus and that nothing can separate us from You! Bless our study of Your Word. In the name of King Jesus we pray. Amen.

## In All These Things

Read **Romans 8**, or if you are short on time, focus on **Romans 8:31–39**. In chapter 8, Spirit-led Paul first refers to our life in the Spirit, reminds us that we are heirs of Christ, and then paints a picture of our eternal glory to come. In what things does Paul say we are conquerors in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

**If time permits:** Had Paul experienced many of these hardships? See **2 Corinthians 11:23–28**. Compile a list of trials that he endured. \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Proverbs 21:30–31**, **Romans 3:22b–26**, **Romans 5:6–11**, and **Romans 6:23**. In your own words, declare how Jesus won the victory for us — saved us — against sin, death, and the devil. Why did He have to live a perfect life? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did He have to die? \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith Talk:** Read together **1 Corinthians 15:54–57**. What do the words “victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” mean to you? Share with a partner or the small group.

Paul progresses through Romans, teaching about Law and Gospel, justification, and other key facets of the Good News about salvation in Jesus. When he gets to **Romans 8:1–5**, he teaches about the law of the Spirit of life. According to these

verses, what does the law of the Spirit of life do for every believer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Faith Talk:** What trials and sufferings are Christians experiencing today? Read **Romans 5:1-5** and **James 1:12**. What is the hope Christians have even in the midst of trials? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Faith Talk:** Focus on one trial or suffering you have experienced in your life. In hindsight and, if you are comfortable doing so, share with your partner or a small group how the victory in Christ helped you through that trial or suffering.

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Study **Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10; Zechariah 9:16; John 19:28-30;** and **Revelation 17:14**. Who has obtained the victory? Over what is He victorious? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Turn to **Romans 8:2, Galatians 2:20, Galatians 3:27,** and **1 John 5:4**. As believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior filled with the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit, who has the victory over sin, death, and the devil? \_\_\_\_\_

We are victorious in Christ Jesus! What does **1 Corinthians 15:57-58** encourage Christians to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How does the Holy Spirit engender and keep us in faith in Christ Jesus as Lord? See **1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Hebrews 4:12,** and **1 Peter 3:21-22**. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why is it important to regularly participate in God's Word and Sacraments? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Faith Talk:** What Bible study plan do you use to read, delve into, and ponder God's Word on a daily basis? If you don't use one, describe what kind of a study plan you might use. \_\_\_\_\_  
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In **Romans 8:31-39**, Paul uses a writing technique of rhetorical questions — questions with answers that are obvious or with no answer expected. How many can you identify in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the obvious answers to each one? Make a list with your small group. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Faith Talk:** When you think of the phrase, "*more than conquerors*," how would you define it for the Christian? What specific war has been won in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What daily battles does the Christian have? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identify some of your personal battles and pray that God continues to give you strength and courage in the midst of adversity. \_\_\_\_\_

In **Ephesians 6:10-12**, who are identified as our spiritual enemies? \_\_\_\_\_

How does **Romans 8:38-39** bolster us for battle? \_\_\_\_\_  
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The war against sin, death, and the devil has been won for the Christian in Christ Jesus (see **1 Corinthians 15:57**). In a face-off with sin, death, and the devil, it is always "advantage: Christian." Does that make a difference in your daily life? \_\_\_\_\_

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What does Jesus promise believers in **Revelation 2:10b**? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If time permits:** Read **Ephesians 6:13-20**. Identify the armor the Lord gives us to fight and defend ourselves against the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. What is the Christian's one offensive weapon listed in the second half of verse 17? \_\_\_\_\_

**Faith Walk:** Why do you think that Romans 8:31-39 is often used at funeral services? In what other situations would this Bible passage be especially comforting?

### Faith Walk:

1. Praise God for the gift of His Spirit, Who breaks you free from the bondage of sin and death. Celebrate your Baptism.
2. Pray that the Spirit continues to grow and mature your faith, even during trials and tribulations.
3. Pray that you remain faithful in God's Word and Sacraments as you live with the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus, knowing that nothing can separate you from Him.
4. Write the words of Romans 8:31-39 on a notecard and use it as a bookmark in your Bible or journal.
5. Connect with someone in your life who needs to hear the Good News about Jesus and ask the Spirit to give you the words to boldly proclaim Jesus as Savior and King.

**Closing:** Pray, sing, or listen to "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (*LSB* #525; *LW* #278; *TLH* #341).