

## **More than Conquerors**

Romans 8 : 31 - 39

Good morning church.

I just want to thank Pastor Phil and the leadership team for giving me this opportunity to share this morning.

I am very humbled to be given this opportunity to share.

My name is Billy Theunissen, and I'm from South Africa, and this summer it will be 2 years since me and my family emigrated from South Africa to Canada. It has been such a big transition, but we are so thankful to be part of the church, and everyone has been so welcoming to us as a family.

I serve with Youth With A Mission, which is an International missions organization. We are based in Oliver, and I've been serving with them for the past 20 years.

I'm married to Kenia, and Kenia was born in Colombia. We have 3 beautiful kids altogether. 2 of our kids were born in South Africa, and our baby Jazra was born in Canada.

So we have a very international and spicy family with lots of dynamics! But one of the things that keeps us as a family together is prayer, and Jesus being at the centre of everything.

You see, if Jesus is not at the centre of everything then everything else is out of place.

I've witnessed in my experiences, when you go through trials and tribulations and you have Jesus on your side, you can be sure that you not alone.

It definitely does not make the trials easier but it helps you, knowing Jesus is with you when you go through the trials.

### **2 Corinthians 12 : 9**

Verse 9. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

We keep Jesus at the centre by praying and bringing everything before him, because if Jesus is not Lord of all then he is not Lord at all.

### **Philippians 2 : 9 - 11**

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I remember it clearly, just like it was yesterday, the day I gave my life to Jesus. Myself, and 2 of my friends that were not believers, got invited to a YWAM teaching for a week, and we were high and drunk, but Edwin led us to the Lord. That was 20 years ago, and, yes, it has been the best decision I've made, besides marrying my beautiful wife!

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31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [b] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I have had some addictions, and still some struggles too, and I've seen when I bring it to Jesus that He helps me to overcome those addictions and struggles.

You cannot surrender what you don't acknowledge. There is power in acknowledgment and confession.

God is Loving Father.

## **John 3 : 16**

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1. How I see God and myself will dictate how I live.
2. If Jesus is not Lord of all then he is not Lord of all.
3. God is a good Father.
4. You cannot surrender what you don't acknowledge.

Let's pray this morning and bring our hearts and life before the Lord.

Close with *Love of the Father* Song.