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CONQUERING COMMUNITY



DAY 1 - CONQUERING COMMUNITY

Another word for “congregation” is community and Joshua was the perfect person to pick up the mantle of leadership for the community. I’m going to assume that, no matter when you’re reading this, there is tension, violence, and unrest happening in the world at this moment. It seems to be standard to wake up to another mass shooting, rumors of war, protests and more.

Think about the ragtag bunch (community) that Joshua was about to take over from Moses. Israelites that complained to Moses at every turn, always unhappy, grumbling and plain annoying to be around.

If you have read through the old testament, you may have noticed that it was a series of battles, plagues, famines, uprisings, judgments and more. Joshua was going to have to get his hands dirty leading God’s people. He was going to have to get involved in the everyday life of the Israelites and be the leader God had called him to be. Joshua was going to have to stand for what he believed in, challenge those who may be on the fence and even fight those who challenged the authority of God.

But Joshua had his focus on God, and that is the perfect example of the leader that group needed. Think what our world, country, neighborhood would look like if we had a Joshua in each area. A servant leader focused on doing God’s work for the good of people and Glory of the Father. Willing to get his hands dirty and serve among the people. What a difference our world would be.

The great news is there is a Joshua in every community just brimming with ability. Are you that Joshua? We are called to be an example of the power of God in our lives, and that power should spill over into our communities. Our world is calling for men to rise and be

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an example of a Godly leader that can lead people right where they are. You are MORE THAN a conqueror!

You can do it. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Bible References: Numbers 27: 15-21

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CONQUERING HUSBANDS



DAY 2 - CONQUERING HUSBANDS

I know in today's culture, the role of a husband has sometimes been reduced to the bumbling fool that sets the bar way too low. The TV husband barely has enough energy to get out of the lazy-boy to do something foolish for the amusement of the family.

I was online and read a comment from a woman that said: "men are so mediocre these days, none stand out anymore". Who knows in what context she was writing from, but I took it as a personal charge to stand out from the crowd.

I have a choice to be a husband that my wife respects and is proud that she is married to or she's embarrassed to be married to. Men, you have this choice as well. When Paul was writing this letter to the Christians in Rome, it was during the time of Nero's reign. Christians would have every reason to feel defeated.

Paul having gone through all type of trials—persecution, famine and personal injury—would have first-hand knowledge of the "things" he talks about in Romans 8:37. Those "things" come in all forms and fashions.

Because of the example of Jesus, we can be more than conquerors in every situation we face. We can take comfort in the fact that God works everything together for our good. Last I checked, everything included all the "things" you and I would ever face.

I know there are days in which the fire just isn't there. It's Monday again, and you are not ready for it. The responsibilities of life seem too much, and you can't get in front of anything that comes at you. We are here to say that you are **MORE THAN CONQUERORS...** that you are **MORE THAN ABLE** to rise up and be the man that God wants you to be. How you say?

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Since we can't win everywhere all at once, pick one area that you want to win. Pray to God for His will concerning this area of your life. Ask Him for wisdom and the strength to conquer that one area this week. If it takes to two weeks...so be it. What if it takes six months? That's fine, just stay after it. Trust that God is there for you to help you overcome all the "things" in your life.

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CONQUERING DADS

DAY 3 - REMOVING THE MASK

Neck deep in diapers? How about buying braces? Teaching your teen to drive? Helping them move into the college dorm? What about hugging them goodbye as they move out of the house?

Face it, Dad, you're in deep no matter the situation. You may have been thinking, "there I was, just minding my own business..."

When they called David from out in the field tending the sheep, he had no idea he was being called to become king. He was out minding his own business and BLAM-O you're the next king. Do you think he may have had a doubt or two about being qualified to be the next king of Israel? What about when they told David about Goliath. The Bible describes Goliath as what we would think of as almost a Superhero in size, strength, and abilities.

But David knew his power didn't come from himself but rather from Christ as we see in 1 Samuel 17:35. David didn't care how big Goliath was. He was not concerned about Goliath's ability or strength nor what Goliath thought of him. In fact, he only cared about what God was calling him to do. Instead of shaky hands fumbling for a sling, I picture David calm, relaxed and collected while preparing the sling. Purposefully reaching into his pouch for a stone and approaching his adversary. Standing his ground as Goliath probably yelled insults at him or talked to the crowd as if David wasn't even there.

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While many of us have Goliath size problems in our lives, do we recognize where our power comes from? Being a Dad is full of challenges that seem to be far beyond our control. Fact is, you'd be 100% correct in thinking that is true. While those things are beyond you, they are not beyond the power of God (Praise His Holy Name!)

Reflect on these questions:

- When you are faced with a Giant sized problem, what is the first thing you do? Internalize? Try to fix it yourself?
- Do you let fear overcome you in the way you approach the problem?
- Do you take the problem to God before you do anything? Or after you've tried your way first?

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CONQUERING LEADERS



DAY 4 — CONQUERING LEADERS

The walk from the employee side of the desk to the employer side of the desk may seem to be about 8 feet, but in reality, it's more like eight lightyears. So many changes come into effect. You have to worry about all the details like paying the employees, taxes, insurance, getting business, competition, trends and that little thing like paying yourself.

That's why Psalms 23 is the perfect verse for a leader. Let's look at some of the touch points.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

A shepherd implies that someone else is in charge and going to provide and protect you.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters."

Any leader will tell you that one of the hardest things to do is make time for yourself. Lying down in green pastures by still waters sounds fantastic.

"He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Being a leader is hard work as you have to invest in yourself. Growing personally is as important as developing professionally. Restoring my soul and leading me is just what I need.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

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No fear! Yes, please. Some leaders may look like they have it all together, but in reality, they are passionate people who didn't let a lack of ability, money, education, qualification, etc. stand in the way of them leading.

My cup running over may seem like we'll be making it rain hundred dollar bills, but in my experience, that cup has nothing to do with money. Instead, it has everything to do with a complete sense of joy doing with God has called me to do.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

This one is a no-brainer for leaders. Goodness and mercy should be one of the attributes of a leader and dwelling in the house of the Lord forever is the perfect ending for a servant leader.

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MORE THAN CONQUERORS

DAY 5 - MORE THAN CONQUERORS

When I was praying about this study, the phrase “More Than Conquerors” was what drew me in. As I began reading the chapter and dug deeper into the great word of God, I noticed something else. In Romans 8: 37 the words “in all these things...” jumped off the page to me as I read our scripture focus.

We outlined how to be conquerors in our community, with our spouse, with our children and as leaders. God wants this to expand even further than that.

The phrase, “In all things” should make us pause to think on ALL the areas in your life that God wants to you to be More Than Conquerors. It’s sobering to consider how God wants me to be “More Than” when it comes to...

- Family
- Work
- Community
- Finances
- Health
- Service
- Friends
- Thoughts
- Words
- Giving

Just to name a few. We tend to think that God only cares about the big things. That as long as I don’t kill someone, I’ll never have to worry too much. But 1 John 2:9-17 tells us, “Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.”

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Once you start to see that God wants us to be involved in ALL areas of our lives, then it makes complete sense that He wants us to be More Than Conquerors IN ALL THINGS!

I would suggest that you take some time and make a list of the big things in your life and the small things in your life. The big stuff should be easy as they tend to stand out so much more in our thoughts. An example would be your house, retirement, marriage, college, etc. The small things may be wrapped in a hairball of topics that you have deemed not worthy of God's attention. An example would be that test you need to study for, making friends, your appearance, etc.

Combine both lists into a single one. That is a comprehensive list of where God wants you to be more than a conqueror.

Being a conqueror doesn't mean you'll get everything you desire; so, don't attempt to name and it claim it. Prayerfully consider your approach to these things and when God says no to something you want, have peace knowing it's for your good.

Now go be UNCOMMEN!

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