

Conquer

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“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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Illustration

- **Coach Dobbs – “Maci, I’m tired of you being an average runner”**

Three ways to conquer in 2026

I. I will raise my level of expectation

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- A. Paul is making the case for the Romans to be encouraged in the midst of great hardship.
 1. He is listing promise after promise to help them / us hold on.
 2. He makes the argument that if God is for you then – who is it that can be against you.
 3. If the whole world is out to get you – but God is for you – you’re gonna be ok.

Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't out to get you.

Key Promises in Romans 8:1-30

- **No Condemnation (v. 1)**: For those in Christ Jesus, there is no judgment or condemnation.
- **Freedom from sin's power (v. 2)**: The "law of the Spirit of life" frees believers from the law of sin and death.
- **God's Righteousness Fulfilled (v. 4)**: God sent Jesus to condemn sin, enabling believers to fulfill the law's requirements through the Spirit, not self-effort.
- **Life and Peace (v. 6)**: A mind set on the Spirit brings life and peace, contrasting with the death of a flesh-focused mind.
- **Indwelling Spirit (v. 9-11)**: If the Spirit of God lives in you, you are not of the flesh; the Spirit gives life to your mortal bodies.
- **Adoption as Children (v. 15-17)**: Believers receive the Spirit of adoption, enabling them to call God "Abba, Father," and are heirs with Christ.
- **Future Glory (v. 18-25)**: Present sufferings are temporary compared to the future glory revealed in believers, groaning with creation for redemption.
- **Spirit's Intercession (v. 26)**: The Spirit helps in weakness by interceding for believers with groanings too deep for words.
- **God Works All Things for Good (v. 28)**: For those who love God and are called according to His purpose, He works all circumstances for their ultimate good.
- **God's Purpose & Predestination (v. 29-30)**: God's plan includes predestining believers to be conformed to the image of His Son.

B. He 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?

1. In other words... Do you know how **generous** God has been to you.
2. In other words... Do you know what God has already done for you.
3. Do you realize what has already been given to you.
4. The father – gave him – Jesus – us for us all.

C. We need to raise our level of expectation.

1. What if God was setting you up for a great victory.
2. What if God allowed the giant to rise up so that you could slay it in front of an entire nation.

3. What if God allowed the brook to dry up so that he could instruct ravens to bring you meat to eat.
4. What if God allowed your enemy to back you up against the sea so that he would part it – allow you to walk through on dry ground – and then crash that same body of water on the heads of your enemy.
5. What if the walls of the city are so high and so strong there is no way for you to conquer them and God was setting you up so that they come crashing down because of your worship and obedience.
6. What if you get thrown into the fire so that God can show up in the midst of the flames and you come out not even smelling like the smoke of the furnace.
7. What if you get thrown into the lions den so that God can shut the mouth of the lions and bring about a revival.
8. What if....
9. What if....

D. Like Mary told the angel when the angel told her that despite being a virgin she would give birth to God's son.

- **With God all things are possible.**

E. I need New Capacity for my new expectation.

Wine skins story

Illustration

Matthew 9:17

¹⁷ Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

F. Unpack

1. New wine – **Neos** - new in kind
2. New skin – **Kainos** - fresh or refreshed.

Application

- Change so you can get higher.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to change you so that you can receive the new wine.

“No lack all abundance”

II. I will align my praying with what Jesus prays

Romans 8:33-34

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A. The main point of the question in verse 33 is to expose the enemy as a liar.

1. Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?
 - a. Who is he talking about?
 - b. He is talking about the saved.
 - c. If you are saved then you are saved.
2. Growing up I had to learn this...
 - a. I had a fear of the Lord – **Good thing.**
 - b. I was learning about how powerful the grace of God is.

Illustration

- The Bible does not advocate for the saved to live like the world lives.
- But the saved do sin.
- It happens -
- The difference is when the saved sin – they fall forward.

I Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ **And that is what some of you were.**

Application

- But this is what some of you were.
- Past tense.
- You are not that anymore.

How can that be?

I Corinthians 6:11b

But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Application

- Fall forward when you sin.
- Fall forward into repentance.
- Fall forward into grace and mercy.
- Fall forward into Jesus.
- Let him wash your feet and minister to you and restore you.

B. Review last week's powerful four-fold things

Four Powerful Realities about Jesus

1. Christ died
2. Christ raised to life
3. Christ seated at the right hand of God
4. Christ interceding for us

C. Understand your position.

Ephesians 2:4-6,10

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

¹⁰For we are God's handiwork

created in Christ Jesus to do good works

which God prepared in advance for us to do.

D. We are God's handiwork.

1. In other words he has been working on you.
2. In other words... God is shaping you.
3. In other words... God is working on you because he has a purpose for you.
4. What ever God does – he does a good job.

Illustration

- Jesus is interceding for us the perfect will of the Father.
- That is what he is doing.
- That is what he wants for you.

Application

- Line your praying up with what Jesus is praying.

- Come into agreement with Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:20

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

E. Align your praying with Jesus.

1. Learn the person and work of Christ.
2. From that you get your cues.
3. Then you pray those truths over your situation.
4. Pray over the same thing several times.
 - a. The Holy Spirit will help you with the correct way to pray.
 - b. He will help you fine tune your language so that it lines up with him
 - c. Then once you get the alignment right and you begin to pray the will of God over your situation then you have your request.
 - d. There you go.... Move out.... Run with it.... Don't stop

III. I will think like a conqueror

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