## More than Conquerors! | Devotion on Roman 8:28-39

- o These verses teach us how to find God in our life.
- o A lot of encouragements in all things God works for the good ..., nothing can separate us from the love of God.
- o Do you feel more like being conquered or a conqueror? Are you winning or losing? Victorious or defeated?
  - 1. We are not defeated, because Gilead is still here, despite all hardships
  - 2. Gilead is called according His purpose, because we still exist. Although not in quantity, but we grow in quality
- o What confidence does verse 28 give to believers
  - 1. "The Good" must be on God's terms, not based on feeling, for "We know"
  - 2. Feel God's presence, that He keeps me safe. It is blessing to be home, seeing the family.
  - 3. The comfort is while nothing is good at this moment, we know "He will work all things good to those who ..."
- o V. 29 His ultimate goal is "to conform us to the likeness of Jesus Christ"
  - 1. Conversion of Lydia is smooth & straightforward. She just received Paul's preaching. But Paul suffered during his conversion.
  - 2. What did Gilead like 5 years ago? Are we more Christ like now? that 's the real measuring stick.
- o Robert cites example of minister to a German woman who suffers from a bad fall. How events appear to be bad at present, that God open ministry opportunities, and make the event good in the long run. Christ breaks down the barrier between German and Chinese.
- o Betty really feels God's love for herself, like God prepares her neighbors to carry heavy loads, going to supermarkets. God always prepares a helper at His right time.
- o Verses 35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" Of all the agents of separation, which one is the most threatening? Do we still remain in Christ, or should we walk away?
  - 1. Christ's love is tested in perils and persecution.
  - 2. The assurance & intercession of Christ enable Paul to do the "impossible"
  - 3. Christ has conquered death, so we have confidence to endure life's troubles.
- o "If God is for us, who can be against us?" But our feeling and circumstance can betray our trust in Him. Pray that we will not wander away.