Overwhelmingly Conquer (Romans 8:37)

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INTRODUCTION

- I get the privilege this morning of talking about an old testament story that is epic.
- David says, I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, whose armies you taunt, and this day the Lord will deliver you into my hands.
- This was a victory brought about by the Lord, as he had said it would be.

1 The Typical Instruction: Imitate David's Example

1 Samuel 17

- We often talk about how we should emulate or imitate David's example.
- We need to be people of conviction like he was, and people of confidence, and people of courage.
- Summoning these qualities do not happen magically without any effort or preparation.
- David had been holding these qualities for years as he spoke of his previous battles with the lion and the bear.

2 Spiritual Warfare Against a Formidable Foe

Psalm 119:11; Colossians 3:16; 2 Corinthians 10:4

- We have quite an adversary, a formidable foe. And the nature of this spiritual warfare is that he wants to destroy you.
- He wants to destroy your confidence and your conviction and your courage in doing God's will in your life.
- Overcoming and winning in this warfare will require tenacity. And preparation.
- As the psalmist said in Psalm 119, your word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you.
- We are sufficiently equipped to handle anything our adversary throws at us.

3 We Are Not Like David

- We are not like David. I am not like David. I wish I was.
- Sometimes there's too much standing on the sidelines among the people of God. Somebody else will do the hard work that needs to be done.
- We need more saints who will prioritize spiritual things to first place in their hearts and in their lives.
- We need more saints living in view of heaven rather than the next earthly thrill.

4 Jesus Conquered Goliath for Us

Romans 1:14

- This story anticipates an adversary that all of us have had that we could not conquer. It's the adversary Jesus conquered for us. The problem of sin.
- He took out Goliath. He took out our problem of sin for us.
- That is designed to inspire us to follow him, to fight alongside him.
- We are all debtors. We do this not out of a sense of duty or obligation.
- Jesus conquered Goliath for us. We owe it. Period.

5 We Overwhelmingly Conquer Through Him

Romans 8:35–39

- We don't just conquer, we overwhelmingly conquer.
- There's not anything that we can't conquer and overcome because of what Jesus did for us.
- Israel had David. And that was awesome. While it lasted. We have Jesus.
- They don't overwhelmingly conquer. Because they think they don't need it. They are self-sufficient.
- Self reliance can only get you so far and not very far.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you embraced what he so graciously offers?

MY NOTES