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Part 4: More Than Conquerors

Romans 8:35-39

→ signs of a victimhood mindset

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an _____.

→ Belief #1: Nothing but bad is headed my way

→ something better than Joseph's dream - **2 Peter 1:19**

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overwhelmingly _____.

→ Belief #2: People are to blame for my suffering.

→ "God intended it for good" - **Genesis 50:20a**

#3 Even in times of suffering, God is _____.

→ Belief #3: I am helpless, powerless, and hopeless.

→ a focus beyond self - **Genesis 5:20b, Isaiah 53:4-5**

#4 You are defined by _____, not _____.

→ you are more than a conqueror - **Romans 8:35-39**

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1. How often do you find yourself slipping into a victimhood mindset, and what does it look like when you do?
2. How does the belief that "nothing but bad is headed my way" affect the way someone thinks and lives? How does **2 Peter 1:19** challenge that belief?
3. Joseph experienced years of suffering, yet he held onto God's plan for his future. What can we learn from his story when facing our own hardships?
4. You can either blame people for your suffering or trust that God is working through it for a greater purpose. Why is it often harder to choose trust?
5. **Read Isaiah 53:4-5.** How does knowing that Jesus willingly became the ultimate victim change the way you see your own challenges?
6. **Read Romans 8:35-39.** What do the truths of this section mean for someone who feels helpless, powerless, or hopeless?
7. What is one way you can begin shifting from a mindset of victimhood to living as "more than a conqueror" this week?

What's one thing that would specifically change if you could adopt this new mindset? Pray to God for the faith to believe it.

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→ you are more than a conqueror - **Romans 8:35-39**

Bible Reading for Today

Romans 8:35-39

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, 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.

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.