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MORE THAN CONQUERORS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



Romans 8:32 & 37
He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

As we bask in the glow of Jesus' resurrection that we celebrated on Sunday, we must also consider some of the practical implications this event has for our lives. Jesus' death and resurrection not only secured our eternal salvation, but it also impacts how we live on this earth.

In Romans 8, Paul candidly addresses the rav-

ages of sin on our world, and on the individual believer in Christ. Creation itself along with Christians groan under the burden of sin (verses 20-22) and long for the return of Christ who will reverse sin's damage. But in the meantime, we must live in sin-ravaged world where Christians wrestle with the inevitable challenges of sin, and the malicious oppression of forces opposed to Christ. Christians find themselves persecuted and preyed upon even to the point of death.

Paul reminds us that in the midst of these circumstances, the Christian can and should still live as a conqueror because he is being kept by the grace of God who is fully committed to the Christian's wellbeing. God demonstrated His commitment to the Christian by His only Son as the ultimate offering to redeem us from sin. If God would go so far as to allow His precious Son to die on the

cross for us, what would He withhold from us that is useful to our survival in this world?

Because we know God is fully committed to us, we can face persecution and adversity with calm and confidence. We are nobody's victims. We are actually conquerors through Christ. Once we internalize this truth, it changes how we live. We do not go through life timid and complaining. We face life confidently as more than conquerors.

Just as sin and death could not conquer Christ on that first Easter, they cannot conquer us who are surrendered to our risen Lord.

You are more than a conqueror. Embrace it. Live it!

God bless you,
 Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

APR 19

Join us via Zoom video
 Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

APR 22

In-person at church.
 For teens ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

MAY 1 & MAY 15

Join us in-person at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

APR 24

These ministries are available every Sunday during the morning service
 Kidzone for ages 6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

APR 24

In-person service & livestream

Livestreaming is only on Facebook and our church's website.



- As the pandemic continues to wane, we are encouraging all of you to begin making your way back to the in-person services. Looking forward to seeing you soon!
- Join us as we help to Pick Up the Poconos with Middle Smithfield Township on April 23. Talk to Tom for more details.
- There will be **no Ladies Meeting this month**. Ladies are encouraged to join the Pick Up the Poconos event on April 23.

All Nursery and Kidzone workers are invited to attend Virtual Training each Monday night in May (starting May 2nd) from 6-7:30 pm. Others interested in children's ministry are also welcome!

- The Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos is hosting their Annual Fundraising Banquet on May 12, 7 pm at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Please see Lori Ditaranto for more information.
- There are about 13 Pregnancy Resource baby bottles missing. If you have an empty one, please return it asap. No guilt. No shame. We just don't want to lose the bottles.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering.
 Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!



April 18th deadline