

# Living the Victorious Life

## A Reflection from Romans 8 :37–39

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Dear Beloved in Christ,  
Warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

As I write to you from Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, my heart is full of gratitude. We've just concluded several powerful ministry gatherings, and two more are ahead of us before we wrap up. By the time you read this newsletter, all my preaching assignments will be completed, and I'll be reflecting on this season with deep thanks. God has truly moved among His people—restoring, healing, saving.

Beyond the ministry, it has also been a time of refreshing and reconnecting with family—a blessing to be with my wife and children, as well as my parents and siblings. These moments are a reminder that the victorious life we're called to in Christ is not just about public ministry or spiritual mountaintops—but also about walking in God's grace daily, in every sphere of life.

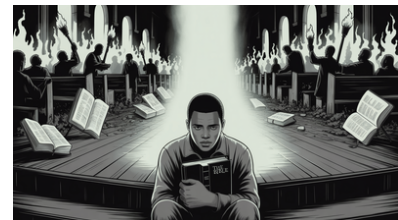
As I meditated on this trip and on Romans 8:37–39, this phrase leapt from the page: “more than conquerors.” It doesn't say we are barely surviving or just holding on—it says we overwhelmingly triumph, through Him who loved us.

What does this look like in real life? Let's reflect together on three key truths that shape the Victorious Life.

### 1. Victory Over Circumstances — Because His Love is Constant

Life brings with it situations we never anticipated. A medical diagnosis, the loss of a loved one, a job that suddenly disappears. The world calls these “setbacks,” but Romans 8 reminds us that even in the middle of these things, God's love remains unshaken. Paul writes, “neither death nor life... neither the present nor the future... will be able to separate us from the love of God.” That means His love isn't limited to good days. It stands strong in our darkest hours.

*Consider the story of Corrie ten Boom, a Dutch Christian who, along with her family, helped many Jews escape the Holocaust during World War II. Eventually arrested, she and her sister Betsie were sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Amid the horror, they clung to Christ. Despite sleeping in flea-infested barracks and witnessing unspeakable evil, Corrie and Betsie led nightly Bible studies using a smuggled copy of the Scriptures. After Betsie's death in the camp, Corrie survived and went on to preach the Gospel all over the world. She often said, “There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still.” That is victory—not the absence of pain, but the presence of God's love in the pain.*



### 2. Victory Over Fear — Because We Belong to Him

Fear can be paralyzing. Whether it's fear of rejection, failure, abandonment, or even death—it seeks to cripple our faith. But Paul declares with boldness that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love. Why? Because we belong to Him.

*In 2010, during the civil unrest in northern Nigeria, many Christians were targeted and churches burned. A young believer named Daniel was attending a prayer meeting when attackers stormed their church. People fled in every direction, but Daniel stayed behind, hiding in a narrow crawl space under the stage. As the attackers shouted and torched furniture, Daniel silently prayed. Terrified, yes—but also suddenly overcome with peace. He later testified that, in that moment, he remembered Romans 8: “I am persuaded that neither death nor life... will separate me from Christ.” Daniel survived, and that moment changed him. Fear no longer ruled his heart—faith did.*

And when we don't have a Daniel-like story, we can still hold to the truth. Let me share a short parable that reflects this:

Imagine a child on a small fishing boat in the middle of a storm. The winds howl, the waves crash. But the child doesn't panic—because he knows his father is holding the wheel. That's the victorious life: storms may rage, but peace reigns because we know who holds us.

### 3. Victory Through Love — Because He Fights for Us

*Paul says we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. That word "through" is important. It's not by talent, resources, or willpower. It's by the sacrificial, eternal love of Christ, proven at the Cross and confirmed by His resurrection.*

*Let me tell you about a woman I met during a mission trip to India. Her name*

*was Latha, a widow with two children. After her husband's sudden death, relatives tried to seize her home. She had no income, little education, and faced daily threats. But she remained rooted in the Lord. "I have no one," she told me, "but Jesus has never left me." Week after week, she brought her children to church, served others in secret, and quietly prayed over those who were sick. One day, a Christian lawyer—moved by her perseverance—offered to help her for free. Within months, the legal case turned in her favor. She got her house back. But even before that victory came, her life was already victorious—because she refused to stop loving, serving, and trusting. God fought her battle.*

Jesus said, "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). The victorious life means God is fighting for you, even when you cannot see it.

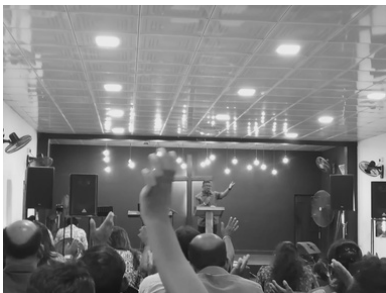
### Final Encouragement: Live Boldly in His Love

Beloved, as we enter this new month, may I encourage you: don't measure victory by outward success alone. You are victorious when you keep walking in faith despite trials. You are victorious when you love even when it's hard. You are victorious when you refuse to let fear silence your song.

The Cross was the world's greatest defeat—but in God's hands, it became the greatest victory. And so it is with your life. Whatever you're walking through—be it joy or sorrow, victory or wilderness—you are more than a conqueror through Him who loves you. Let August be a month of walking with your head lifted high—not because of who you are, but because of whose you are.

With love and blessings,  
Joel Lazarus

## Glimps of Sri Lanka Ministry - Thank you for Praying & Partnering



BEING MORE THAN A CONQUEROR DOESN'T MEAN YOU AVOID THE FIGHT—IT MEANS YOU NEVER FIGHT ALONE

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## Kids Corner

## “Leo the Brave: A Story of God's Unstoppable Love”

**Inspired by Romans 8:37-39**

Leo was a little lion cub who lived in the Great Forest. He wasn't the strongest, or the fastest, or even the loudest roarer in his class—but he had something special. His grandpa always told him, “Leo, no matter what happens, God loves you and He's with you. That makes you a brave cub!”

One day, a big storm rolled into the forest. Thunder cracked like a whip, and the trees bent low in the wind. All the animals ran to their homes—but Leo had gone too far chasing butterflies and couldn't find his way back. He hid inside a hollow tree, shaking and crying.

“What if I never get home?” he whispered.

Suddenly, Leo remembered what his grandpa said. “God loves me... He's with me... That makes me brave!” He took a deep breath and began to sing a little song his mom taught him:



“Even if it rains or roars,  
Even if I can't see the shores,  
God's love stays and never leaves,  
In His heart, I always live!”



As he sang, a warm peace filled his little heart. He peeked out of the tree—and saw fireflies glowing in the dark. He followed their gentle lights, step by step, until he saw his father running toward him!

“Leo!” his dad cried, scooping him up. “I was looking everywhere for you!”

Leo buried his face in his dad's mane. “I was scared... but then I remembered that nothing can take God's love away.”

His dad smiled. “That's right, son. Not storms, not darkness, not even being lost can separate us from God's love. You were very brave.”

From that day on, Leo walked with his head high—not because he was the biggest or fastest, but because he knew God loved him and was always with him. He told all his friends, “You're never alone. You're more than just a cub—you're a conqueror with God!”

**Memory Verse:**

**“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” — Romans 8:37**

WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE IS UNCERTAIN, GOD'S LOVE IS STILL CERTAIN. THAT'S YOUR VICTORY

## BIG announcement

### Myanmar Mission 2025: A Door Reopened

“...I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.” — Revelation 3:8

Dear Beloved in Christ,

We write to you with a grateful and expectant heart. After four long years, God has opened the door once again for us to return to the land of Myanmar—a nation dear to our ministry’s heart and a field white unto harvest.

Since 2017, our ministry has had the privilege of serving the people of Myanmar, especially during the Christmas season, when the doors are most open for the Gospel. Though the country is often marked by religious restrictions, poverty, and persecution, the hearts of the people are incredibly tender and receptive to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### Why Myanmar?

Myanmar is one of the most under-evangelized nations in Southeast Asia. With a population of over 55 million people, the majority remain unreached. In many areas, the name of Jesus is heard for the first time through Christmas missions like ours. The people we reach are often very poor, living without access to education, healthcare, or hope—but when they hear the Gospel, their eyes shine with new life.

Each year we’ve gone, we’ve seen souls saved, the sick healed, and local churches strengthened. We partner closely with local missionaries—men and women who serve the Lord in the face of pressure, persecution, and hardship. Every effort, every seed sown, has produced eternal fruit.

#### Ground Reality

Over the last four years, the people of Myanmar have endured immense suffering. Since the military coup in 2021, the country has seen:

- Over 2.5 million internally displaced people
- Thousands of churches monitored or closed
- A significant increase in violence, fear, and economic hardship

And yet, in the middle of all this, there is a holy hunger. The church, though pressed, is not crushed. The people, though weary, are longing for truth. As Paul said, “A great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me” (1 Corinthians 16:9). The battle is real—but the opportunity is even greater.

#### The Mission: December 2025

This Christmas, we will return to Myanmar with the same passion and purpose:

- Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Feeding the hungry and giving gifts to children
- Strengthening the hands of faithful local missionaries
- Seeing salvation, healing, and deliverance in the Name of Jesus

By God’s grace, we are planning 5 Gospel meetings in different towns and villages. Each gathering will be a celebration of hope, a time of worship, and a chance for someone to hear—for the first time—that Jesus loves them, died for them, and is alive today.

#### Our Budget & Need

The total budget for this mission is \$9,000 CAD:

- Flights & Stay – \$ 2,000
- Gifts for the Children & Christmas Meals – \$3,000
- Support for Local Missionaries – \$1,000
- 5 Gospel Crusades (Logistics, Transport, Equipment) – \$3,000

We are reaching out to our friends, partners, and fellow believers to say:

*Will you stand with us once again?*

We need your prayers, your intercession, and your generous partnership. Every dollar you sow goes directly into reaching the unreached and lighting up the darkness with the love of Christ.

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GOD’S LOVE IS THE ONLY FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE THAT NOTHING CAN BREAK, BLOCK, OR SEPARATE YOU FROM

### How You Can Partner

1. Pray – Cover our team, the travel, the meetings, and the missionaries in daily prayer.
2. Give – Whether it's \$50, \$500, or \$5,000—every gift helps us carry the Gospel further.
3. Share – Let others know about this mission. Every voice that speaks adds momentum.

You can give through our website: “<https://joellazarusministries.org/give>”, or reach out to us directly at: **416-890-1307** or Via E-Transfer: “[joellazarusministries@gmail.com](mailto:joellazarusministries@gmail.com)”.

### Final Word

We are reminded of Paul's words in Romans 10:14–15:

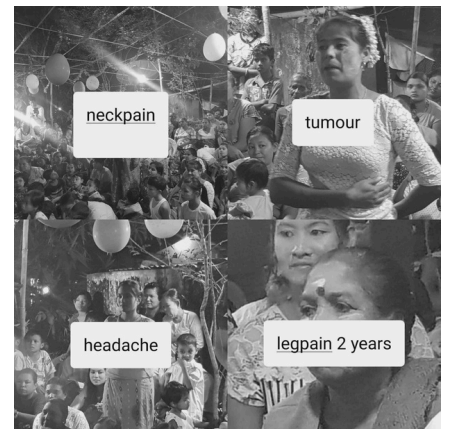
“How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Let us go with beautiful feet, bringing good news, great joy, for all people—starting with Myanmar.

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we will see lives transformed, churches strengthened, and Jesus glorified in the land of Myanmar.

With love and blessings,  
Joel Lazarus & the Team

### Some of Our Past Years Pictures - Myanmar



YOU DON'T CONQUER BY BEING THE STRONGEST. YOU CONQUER BY BEING LOVED BY THE STRONGEST

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## Please Join Us in Prayer

We ask you to stand with us in prayer for:

- **Traveling mercies and divine protection over every journey.**
- **Physical strength, spiritual clarity, and anointing for every ministry engagement.**
- **God's presence and joy during the celebration of my father's 75th birthday.**
- **Divine appointments and open hearts in every service and region we minister.**
- **Refreshing and restoration for our family as we spend time together.**

"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore."

— Psalm 121:8 (ESV)

Thank you for lifting us up before the Lord. Your prayers fuel the mission and carry eternal impact.

In His Service,  
Joel Lazarus & Family




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## Send your Prayer Requests

Prayer is more than a spiritual habit—it is our direct connection to the heart of God. It's in prayer that we pour out our hearts, receive divine wisdom, and align our lives with God's perfect will. Throughout His time on earth, **Jesus lived a life anchored in prayer**, constantly withdrawing to commune with the Father and teaching His disciples to do the same.

Prayer brings peace when life feels chaotic, strength when we feel weak, and assurance that we are never walking alone. It is in these moments of communion with God that we are reminded of His love, His power, and His promises.

But prayer isn't just powerful personally—it's also transformational when we come together as a community of faith. **There is divine power in agreement.** Jesus Himself said in

Matthew 18:19–20 (NIV):

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

This is why we value united prayer at Joel Lazarus Ministries. We believe that when we lift each other up before the Lord, He hears us—and He responds.

If you're facing a need, burdened by a situation, or simply desire someone to stand in faith with you—we invite you to reach out. **Our dedicated prayer team is ready to intercede on your behalf**, trusting God with you for healing, breakthrough, provision, and restored hope.

You can share your prayer request by emailing us at [joellazarusministries@gmail.com](mailto:joellazarusministries@gmail.com)  
Or visit us online at [www.joellazarusministries.org](http://www.joellazarusministries.org)

Whatever you're walking through, know this: **you're not walking alone.** We are here, standing with you—and more importantly, God is with you.

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