

# OVERCOMING FEAR

(PART 5)

## What If the Worst Happens?

Romans 8:10-39

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Even if the worst happens to us, we can overcome anything by faith as God's Spirit empowers us to persevere through the difficulty.

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### \* If the worst happens:

#### 1. **We can overcome it by the \_\_\_\_\_.**

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8:9

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:26-27

#### 2. **We have \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and a great \_\_\_\_\_.**

For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. Romans 8:20-21

Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34

And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8:11

#### 3. **God will use it for \_\_\_\_\_.**

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory. Romans 8:15-17

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

#### 4. **Nothing can defeat \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.**

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Romans 8:35 & 37

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### ***Remember these things, even if the worst happens . . .***

1. If we live life firmly rooted in Christ, we experience victory that Jesus gives both now and in the future. Jesus said: *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33
2. Keep the faith perspective Paul the Apostle had in Philippians 1:21: *"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."*
3. Always be thankful, no matter what happens. Intentionally being thankful—even when we don't feel like it—raises our level of faith and pleases God (see Ephesians 5:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).