THE EXPEDITION

Week 4: The Summit

Primary Scripture: Romans 8:35-39; Proverbs 3:5-6 (CSB)

Central Truth: The Christian life is not about reaching a place where we no longer need God. It is about learning to trust Him more deeply with every step.

1. Live From Victory, Not For Victory

Text: Romans 8:35-37

Being more than conquerors does not mean Christians escape suffering. Our victory rests in what Christ accomplished, not in favorable circumstances. We obey God in response to His love, not to earn it. Holiness is the fruit of salvation, not its price.

Key truth: Sometimes victory means God removes the valley. Sometimes victory means the valley cannot separate us from Christ.

Supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:57; Ephesians 2:8-10

Personal reflection: Am I serving God to earn His approval, or because of the grace He has already given me?

2. Your Security Is Stronger Than Your Grip

Text: Romans 8:38-39

Nothing in creation can separate those who are in Christ from God's love. Our assurance is grounded in Christ's faithfulness rather than our changing emotions or performance. This security is never an excuse for sin; it should move us toward gratitude, honest confession, repentance, and holiness.

Key truth: The strength of our salvation is not in our grip on Christ, but in Christ's grip on us.

Supporting Scriptures: John 10:28-29; Romans 6:1-2

Personal reflection: What fear about tomorrow do I need to place in the hands of Christ?

3. Keep Following the Guide

Text: Proverbs 3:5-6

Spiritual maturity does not eliminate dependence upon God. We acknowledge Him in every season, including seasons of success. Remembering His faithfulness should lead to worship, testimony, and continued obedience. The summit is not the end of the journey.

Key truth: Spiritual maturity means becoming more convinced of our need to depend upon God.

Supporting Scripture: Psalm 66:16

Personal reflection: What is my next specific step of trust and obedience?

This Week's Challenge: Plant the Flag

Remember: Identify one specific way God has demonstrated His faithfulness.
Give thanks: Thank Him for what He has done.
Tell someone: Share your testimony with a person who needs encouragement.
Keep walking: Take your next step of obedience.

Discussion Questions

Living From Victory

1. How does Paul’s description of being “more than conquerors” differ from the world’s understanding of victory?

2. Why is it important that Romans 8:37 says we are conquerors in our difficulties rather than promising freedom from them?

3. What is the difference between obeying God to earn His acceptance and obeying because we have received His grace?

4. How should Christ's victory change the way we respond to failure, suffering, or temptation?

Secure in Christ

5. What does Romans 8:38-39 teach about the security of those who belong to Jesus?

6. Why do Christians sometimes let feelings or spiritual performance determine their confidence in God's love?

7. How can assurance of salvation encourage repentance and holiness rather than complacency?

8. What future uncertainty do you need to entrust to Christ?

Following the Guide

9. Why does spiritual maturity lead to greater dependence on God rather than greater self-reliance?

10. What does it look like practically to acknowledge God "in all your ways" (Proverbs 3:6)?

11. How can success or comfortable circumstances become spiritual dangers?

12. Why is sharing our testimony an important way to encourage other believers?

Personal Application

13. Looking back over The Expedition, which lesson challenged or encouraged you most?

14. Where have you seen God's faithfulness during a difficult season?

15. What is one specific step of obedience God is calling you to take?

16. Who could benefit from hearing what God has done in your life?

Final Reflection: Four weeks ago, we began with a question: Will you trust the Guide? The question remains today. **The expedition continues. Keep following Jesus.**