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1. God Is Leading Us

(Rom 8:28 NIV) 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.

- God Works
- God Works For The Good

Run The Race With Confidence

God Is Leading Us

Rejoice

God Is Leading Us

This Is A Triumphant March

God Is Leading Us

To Get Clear Direction From God--

- Get To Know Him Better:
 - Pray
 - Meditate On The Lord
 - Read Scripture
 - Study Scripture

You Don't Want To Go Where God Isn't Leading

2. God Is Leading Us In Triumph

(2 Cor 2:14b NIV) God ... always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ

We Are Called To Be Victorious --To March In Triumph In Christ

The March Of Triumph Was A Special Tribute Rome Gave To Honor Their Conquering Generals

- A "Ticker-Tape" Parade
- A Celebration Of Victory
- A Display of:
 - Troops Weapons Captives -- Plunder

(Col 2:15 NIV) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

You Can't Lose When You Are In Christ God Always Causes Us To Triumph

We Are More Than Conquerors *Through Christ*

We Acknowledge Him: King Of Kings & Lord Of Lords

God Causes Us To Triumph In Christ

We Fight From The Place Of Completed Victory

Christ Has Won The Victory

We Share In His Victory

In Christ We Have Everything We Need To Win Every Battle

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

(Rom 8:37 NIV) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

3. God Is Using Us... As He Is Leading Us:

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God Uses Us To Spread Everywhere -- The Fragrance Of The Knowledge Of Him

We Are To Give Off The Fragrance Of Life

God Wants To Use Us Like A Fragrance

- To Effect People
- To Make Them Think
- To Stop Them In Their Tracks
- To Arrest Them For The Gospel

The Incense Meant Different Things To Different People:

 To The Triumphant Soldiers It Was The Fragrance Of Life

 To The Conquered Enemy It Was The Fragrance Of Death

You And I Are Called To Spread The Fragrance Of The Knowledge Of God

"Who Is Sufficient For These Things?"
Our Sufficiency Comes From God

OUR PRAYER: "Lord Let The Fragrance Of Our Lives Awaken Others To The Beauty Of Life In Christ"