

- Good morning Arising Church!

If you are fired up this morning we share your excitement! We have been picking up the pace in this house to match that of the Holy Spirit in our all consuming desire to become just like our King. He is meeting us in this pursuit, grabbing us by the hand and pulling us up into His war chariot inviting us to join Him in His zeal for His Holy Name.



We learned last week in a fiery message from Pastor Peter, Asa the Brave and Ike the plumbline Naselli that

Without death, life means nothing

Without justice, mercy means nothing

Without war, to be a warrior means nothing

- A man of God must first face death to ever receive life
- He must first face justice to ever value mercy
- He must first face judgment to ever receive favor
- He must face war to ever be a warrior.

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We do not, we cannot, have a passive approach to the kingdom of God.

In fact, you can't just be active, you must also be effective.

- **Je 48:10 (ESV) “Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from bloodshed.**

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A curse upon the person who does the work of the Lord with slackness?????!!!!!!!

A warrior on the battlefield who is swinging his sword around with a slack hand is going to get himself killed and he's definitely not going to save anyone.

The lord is making us warriors, effective ones.

We saw that as the Lord is a warrior, so will we be!

To remind ourselves of the implications of this mentality let's re-read our 2025 offensive!

2025 Offensive

(Inspired by Dr. Bob Moorehead, from his book "Words Aptly Spoken")

I am The Arising Church from the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD

The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line.

The decision has been made. I am on the offensive for Jesus Christ.

I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My losses are redeemed, my present is to make war, my victory secure.

I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, cowardly ambitions, faint-hearted faith, and feckless objectives.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity.

I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power unto the Ultimate Sovereignty of God.

My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission paramount.

I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, intimidated, turned back, diluted, or delayed.

I will not flinch in the fact of sacrifice,

hesitate in the presence of adversity,

negotiate at the table of the enemy,

ponder at the pool of popularity,

or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I am on the War Path for the cause of Christ.

I must give until I drop, preach until all know and proclaim until all are empowered

And when my time is up, He will have no problem recognizing me.

I am **The Arising Church** from the Fraternal and Eternal order of the DCD.

I am not ashamed to fight for the gospel of Christ...(Romans 1:16).

CHARGE THE BODY: WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!!!

As we continue to cultivate the warrior ethos within this body we want to draw from the resource of history regarding some of the greatest conquerors the world has ever known.

- The men who have wrest kingdoms from their former occupants throughout history have gained notoriety as conquerors in their own right. We would like to share a few attributes that describe the drive and mentality as worldly conquerors.

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(READ THIS SLIDE)

WORLDLY CONQUERORS

- Fueled by their ambitions, insatiable and never settled with what they already had
- They were motivated by their own glory in this life
- They never took satisfaction in peacetime but were as pensive as race horses kept too long in the stall
- Their minds scarcely rested as they always schemed and strategized as to how they might overcome
- Conquerors, by nature are always on the offensive and greedy for more

- With this in mind; all Conquerors suffer military defeats, sicknesses, stretching in their supply lines and the loss of life; but they had a brazen boldness to lay claim to **what they wanted**. They had a rising ambition that spurred them on. **They rose with the sun** and descended on their enemies with every weapon they could muster. They scoffed at the blood and sweat that secured their victories .
- They knowingly and willingly paid the cost for their own perceived immortality. They symbolized the raw courage and the hard grit that turned mortals into kings. They must have seemed uninterested in the quaint affairs of a normal life. And they must have been difficult to relate too. But they were all driven to accomplish their conquests. They were driven mad by their wicked desire for more. With Bronze Brows and bright eyes, they never backed down but moved forward to secure victory after victory.

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As we have been learning in foundations these kind of conquerors produce

kingdoms, empires that span large territories and define eras throughout history. In particular, our study from Exodus 9 brought us to the subject of a 7 headed dragon that symbolized 7 Gentile powers comprised of a biblical list of worldly conquerors.



We would like to show you the most prominent conquerors in each of these 7 gentile powers to give you an idea of their drive and tenacity. Keep in mind as we go through these that each one is a gentile power who at some point ruled over Israel or will extend their rule into Israel.



Egypt:

Thutmose III (c. 1479 BCE - 1426 BCE): This Egyptian pharaoh earned the title "the Great" by conquering over 350 cities across 17 military campaigns in only 14 years, expanding the Egyptian Empire from the Euphrates River to Nubia (Northern Sudan). Most known conquest is the battle in Meggido, or aka the Valley of Jezreel in Isreal. It is unsure and quite contestable as to the timing of his reign in relation to Moses and the Exodus. The point that we are making is that he is the greatest conqueror of the first Biblically stated gentile world power.



Assyria:

Tiglath-Pileser: (c. 745 BCE - 727 BCE): Known as a conqueror who moved with intelligence and swiftness. He turned Assyria's army from a seasonal practice squad into a professional, formidable force. His conquests demonstrated brutality and aggression to show his strength, as he dominated Syria, Iran and Israel. Within 7 years of his reign, his kingdom expanded from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean Sea. He became known for his mass deportations of the people he conquered and each of his victories demonstrated his military might and superior intelligence as he swept across the ancient near east. Not only was he a dominating power as a world conqueror, God used him as a disciplinary force for Israel's rebellion and then later through the encounter with Sennacherib, God humiliated and decimated their might and strength.

Chronicles describes this king as a man who God "stirred up" to take over the northern kingdom of Israel and bring them into exile. (1 Chron 5:26)

As we go through these we want you to observe how powerful and influential each of these conquerors were to change the face of the known world. The tremendous effect of their conquests has echoed throughout history and yet God as soon as He decided was able to bring these mighty and their empires to an end.



Babylon:

Nebuchadnezzar II forged the Neo-Babylonian Empire into the dominant power of the ancient Near East in less than a decade, beginning with his

decisive victory over Egypt and the remnants of Assyria at **Carchemish in 605 BC**, which gave him control over Syria and much of the Levant. Within the next few years, he subdued Phoenician and Philistine cities, besieged **Jerusalem in 597 BC**, and carried its king and elite into exile, returning in **586 BC** to destroy the city and its temple after another rebellion. From **c. 586–573 BC**, he waged the prolonged siege of **Tyre**, while simultaneously mounting campaigns into **northern Arabia** to secure caravan trade routes, extending Babylon's influence from the **Persian Gulf in the east to the Mediterranean coast in the west**. Through this rapid and far-reaching expansion, Nebuchadnezzar permanently altered the balance of power in the region.

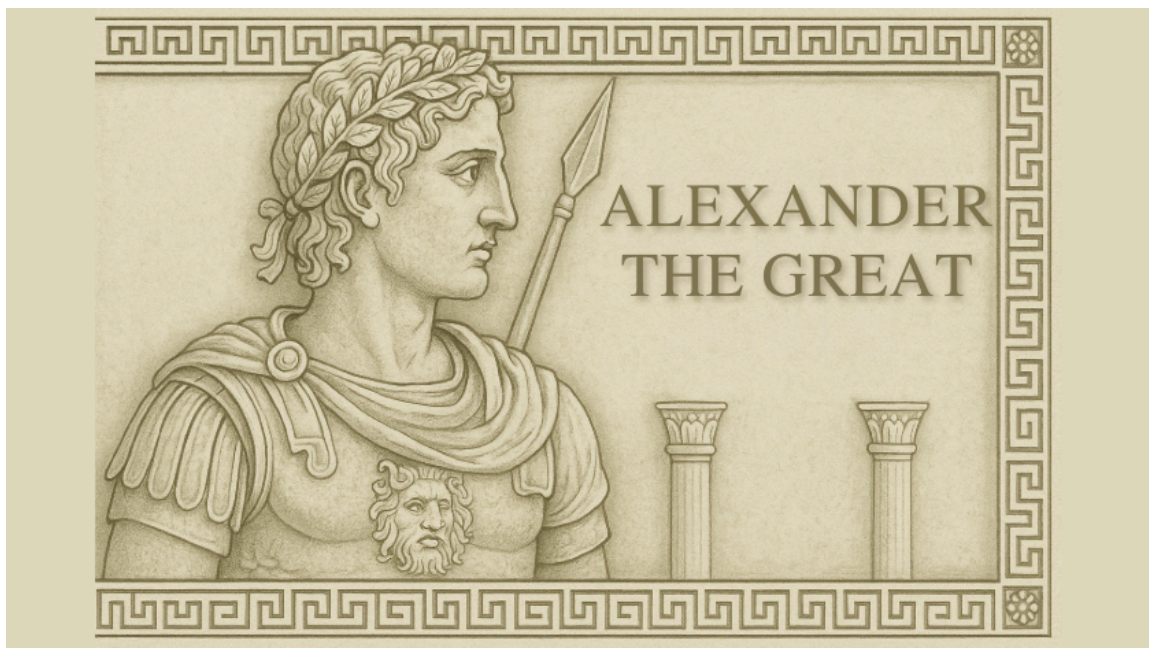


Medo-Persia:

Cyrus the Great (c. 559 BCE - 530 BCE): The founder of the Achaemenid

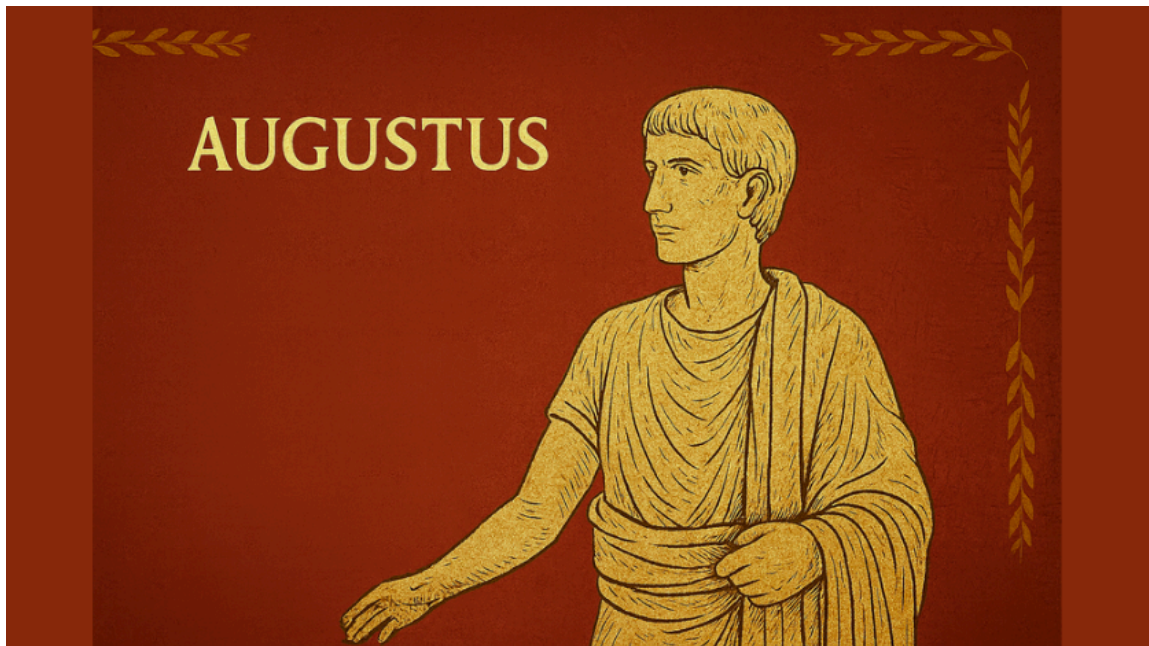
Empire (the first Persian Empire), Cyrus conquered the Medes, Lydia, and Babylon by 539 BC. His empire became the world's first truly global empire, spanning a significant portion of the ancient world.

Cyrus the Great swept through the ancient world with unprecedented speed and scope, overthrowing the powerful Median Empire around 550 BC, swiftly toppling the wealthy kingdom of Lydia by 546 BC, and then turning his sights eastward to consolidate vast territories across Central Asia. In a stunning climax in the year 539 he drained the Euphrates river allowing him to capture the current world power, Babylon, in a single night! This established his control from the Aegean shores to the fringes of the Indus Valley—all within roughly two decades. His lightning-fast conquests created one of the world's largest empires to date, reshaping the political and cultural landscape of the ancient Near East forever.



Greece:

Alexander the Great (c. 356 BCE - 323 BCE): Perhaps the most renowned conqueror of the ancient world, Alexander of Macedon built a vast empire stretching from Greece to India in 11 years starting around the age of 21. Not only did it take just 11 years to expand his kingdom, but throughout all of his conquests, he NEVER LOST A BATTLE. His military prowess was unmatched for his day and none of his enemies could not defeat him. His conquests spread Greek culture throughout the regions he dominated, a significant influence that endured long after his empire fragmented.



Rome:

Caesar Augustus rapidly transformed a fractured Rome into an empire of unprecedented scale and strength, decisively crushing his rivals at the Battle of Actium in 31 BC to seize control of the Mediterranean. Within just a few years, he annexed the wealthy kingdom of Egypt, subdued rebellious tribes

in the Balkans through the Illyrian Wars, and launched a brutal decade-long campaign in northern Hispania to conquer the fiercely independent Cantabrians and Asturians. Pushing Rome's frontiers to the Rhine and Danube rivers, Augustus laid the foundation for imperial security and expansion across Europe and North Africa, demonstrating unmatched speed and strategic brilliance in consolidating and extending Rome's power.

Beyond Paul's existence



Islamic Caliphate: Mehmed II earned the legendary title “The Conqueror” by capturing Constantinople in 1453 after a rapid and relentless siege, bringing an end to the Byzantine Empire and securing control of the vital crossroads between Europe and Asia. In just over 30 years, he aggressively expanded Ottoman territory, swiftly conquering key regions across the Balkans and Anatolia—including Bosnia, Karaman, Albania, Serbia, and

Greece—while also securing vital Black Sea ports. Notably, Mehmed's campaigns extended into the heart of the former Byzantine lands, transforming Constantinople into Istanbul, the new imperial capital. His strategic brilliance wasn't limited to conquest; he reformed the Ottoman military, introduced new artillery techniques, and established a centralized bureaucracy that strengthened Ottoman governance. Through unmatched speed, military innovation, and political acumen, Mehmed II laid the foundation for the Ottoman Empire's rise as a dominant world power that lasted well into the 20th century.

****If worldly** conquerors are driven with this level of tenacity, what kind of devotion must drive men that are to become more than conquerors in the name of Jesus Christ**

Let's read this familiar passage and ask the Lord to stir up an even greater level of tenacity to conquer for His Kingdom

Romans 8:35–37 (ESV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him who loved us.



Title for this morning's message: "More Than Conquerors"

While considering the cultural forces, language and geography of Paul's timeframe when writing the book of Romans, what conquerors would be referencing when stating that we are "More than Conquerors in Christ Jesus"?

It most certainly would have been the greatest known conquerors of the first 6 Gentile powers we just described to you. That in Christ we are More Than:

- Thutmose III
- Tiglath-Pileser
- Neb
- Cyrus
- Alexander
- Ceasar Augustus

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(Isaiah 26:14?)

This means that the 5 attributes of Worldly Conquerors we listed for you earlier pale in comparison to what we can become in Christ. In Him, we can be more than these world powers and their empires. They each came to an end as God had determined, however, we are aiming to rise into a maturity that embodies the warrior ethos of God and demonstrates the actions of being More Than all Worldly Conquerors in Christ Jesus!!

Our listing of 6 Gentile Powers that were before and current to Paul's day

does not even include the Hittite, Phoenician or Canadian empires...Wait Canada never conquered a thing!

As we learned from our Exodus 9 Foundations teaching, the 7th Gentile Power is the Islamic Caliphate. A beastly power that once was, is no more and will be in the future. What lies ahead in our future and is growing rapidly in our present day is an era of contending with the Worldly power of Islam. **A power more dangerous and Terrible than any who came before it** and yet God established a prototype in the defeat of Egypt that would and will be used in conquering all subsequent kingdoms. Therefore, we must heed the call to rise in our maturity, take on the warrior ethos of God and get to work in our daily life to live as More than Conquerors in Christ.

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However, we also know what this war will lead to...

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11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

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We are fueled by our ambition to please our King, to
advance His Kingdom all over the world 2 Cor. 5:9, Rom. 15:20

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Our sole motivation is the glory of God 1 Cor. 10:31

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We strive toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus and run the race marked out for us Ph.3:14,

Heb.12:1, 1 Co.9:24

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We are sober minded and alert, standing firm and
resisting the enemy as we are strengthened by the God
of all grace 1 Pe.5:6-11

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We press on to know Him more and to possess His character in increasing measure Hos.6:3, 2 Pe.1:5-8

- It is not an option to be a MTC, It is a must! It is who He is and therefore, what you can be!
- Leaving this as an option leaves an escape hatch for your faith to flee
- His Character, His works and His kingdom demands that we rise to who He is
- Not leaving us in an infantile state of faith, but stepping up in actions that wage war against:
 - Our own sinful nature
 - Our own apathy and desire for ease
 - Our own self-deception and compartmentalization
 - Ps 36:2
 - Battle within your own heart against the Satanic Stratagem of our time
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 - Our own ambitions to conquer something other than what our Commander in Chief has commissioned us to
 - Also, the heavenly realms, powers and principalities
 - Eph 3:10
 - 2 Cor 10:4

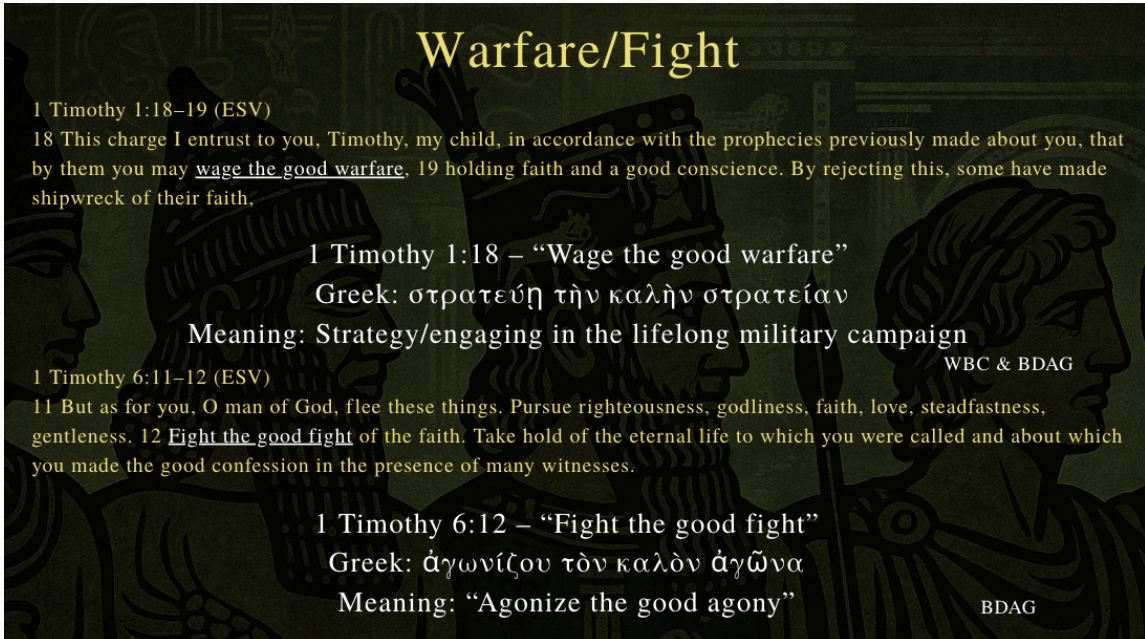
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As stated in Romans 8:35-39, It is not the external forces of this world or heavenly powers that can sever you from the love of Christ that is forming you into More Than a Conqueror, it is you're your apathy for and prideful protection of internal carnal forces.

James 4:1 (ESV)

4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

How a MTC wages war and sees it through to the end



Warfare/Fight

1 Timothy 1:18–19 (ESV)
18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 19 holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith.

1 Timothy 1:18 – “Wage the good warfare”
Greek: στρατεύῃ τὴν καλὴν στρατείαν
Meaning: Strategy/engaging in the lifelong military campaign

1 Timothy 6:11–12 (ESV)
11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:12 – “Fight the good fight”
Greek: ἀγωνίζου τὸν καλὸν ἀγῶνα
Meaning: “Agonize the good agony”

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Although we are not in direct and climatic conflict with the 7th gentile power- the Islamic Caliphate, we are on our way to it. Our modern day battle front of the gentile power in this land and region requires the same warrior ethos of God that must become in us more than a conqueror. Many in here may believe that there is no real war in America and that the real wars are only abroad, even going so far as to say that here the battles are more gray and harder to discern. Brothers and sisters, let us clear some things up for you concerning the battle front that we face:

A real battle that we face is prophetic blindness - misinterpreting prophecy with a western lens and absent of His Word...

Western Exceptionalism - Believing America is central rather than Israel!!

Feminism - creating a female dominant church culture that denies submission and respect towards men.

Religious pluralism - the view that more than one religion can be true or that God reveals Himself through many different religions and that salvation is possible through any of them.

Affirming theology - Same sex relationships are not sinful. Claims the bible has been misinterpreted regarding homosexuality, gender identity etc.

Moral Therapeutic Deism - God wants me to be happy, and feel good all the time.

Prosperity Gospel - If I have enough faith, God will make me rich, healthy, and blessed.

Universalism - Everyone will be saved. Hell is not real. God's love cancels His justice.

Antinomianism - Grace without obedience (law)

Progressive Christianity - The Bible is outdated and Jesus' teachings need to be reinterpreted.

Devaluing the Assembly- the low bar of what comes between you and the gathering together of the saints/belief that meeting on Sunday is enough (all the more as the day approaches hebrews 10:25)

- Strategy is to establish biblically based convictions ahead of conflict and then act upon them with the good agony and without compromise or sinful sympathies.

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Warrior's Perspective

Once the Communists came to power, they skillfully used the means of seduction toward the Church. The language of love and the language of seduction are the same. The one who wishes a girl for a wife and the one who wishes her for only a night both say the words, "I love you." Jesus has told us to discern between the language of seduction and the language of love, and to know the wolves clad in sheepskin from the real sheep. Unfortunately, when the Communists came to power, thousands of priests, pastors, and ministers did not know how to discern between the two voices.

The Communists convened a congress of all Christian bodies in our Parliament building. There were four thousand priests, pastors, and ministers of all denominations—and these men of God chose Joseph Stalin as honorary president of this congress. At the same time he was president of the World Movement of the Godless and a mass murderer of Christians. One after another, bishops and pastors arose and declared that communism and Christianity are fundamentally the same and could coexist. One minister after another said words of praise toward communism and assured the new government of the loyalty of the Church.

My wife and I were present at this congress. Sabina told me, "Richard, stand up and wash away this shame from the face of Christ! They are spitting in His face." I said to her, "If I do so, you lose your husband." She replied, "I don't wish to have a coward as a husband."

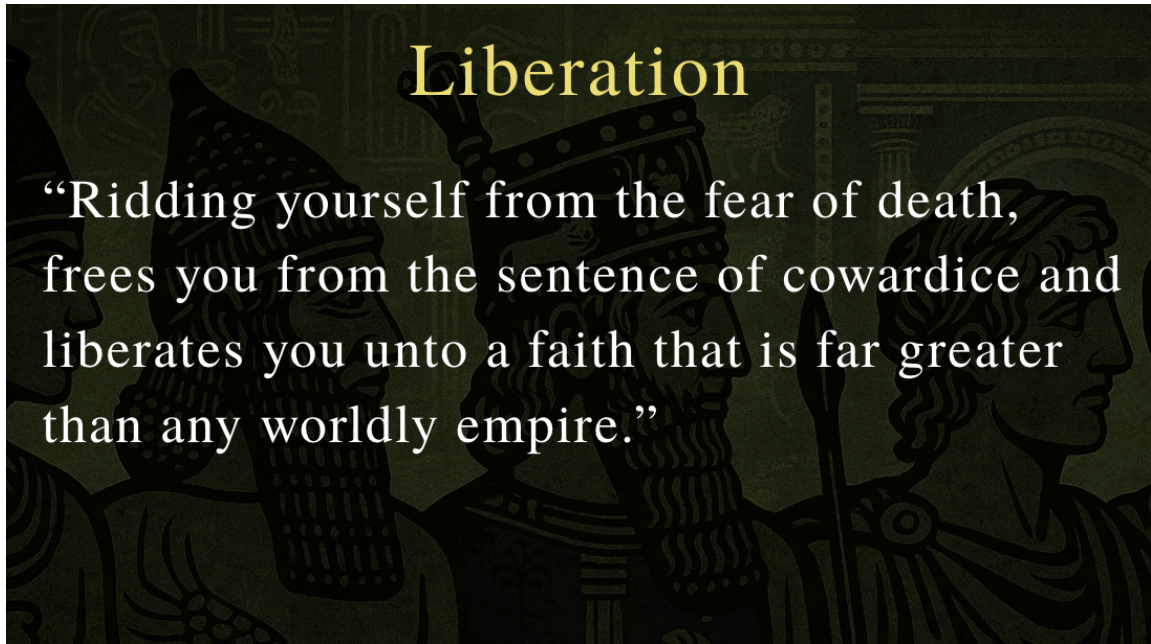
Then I arose and spoke to this congress, praising not the murderers of Christians, but Jesus Christ, stating that our loyalty is due first to Him. The speeches at this congress were broadcast and the whole country could hear proclaimed from the rostrum of the Communist Parliament the message of Christ! Afterward I had to pay for this, but it was worthwhile.

Quote by Richard Wurmbrand (founder of Voice for the Martyrs)

- It is not cowardice to count the cost of increasing obedience to Christ], it is cowardice to not pay it.
- Sabina is not instructing her husband, she is reflecting him!
- He was D.C.D., Didn't Care a Damn about his own life, his concern was what his obedience would cost his bride.
- Her response was the result of his years of pastoring her to be just as DCD as he was and she was letting him know she also Didn't Care a Damn about her life as well!
- They both paid the worthwhile cost

- He went on to spend 14 years in prison for the gospel and she spent 3 years also in prison and labor camps

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Hebrews 11:32–34 (ESV)

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith **conquered** kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

We become "More than Conquerors" by going against the grain of agony and displaying it in plain sight. Making it obvious that it is not a individual's private victory that exceeds the great conquerors of the past, but one of public proclamation while in agony that "We", more than just me, are "hypernikeos", More Than Conquerors, Super-Conquerors.

We don't have time to walk you through chapters of Revelation... Let's display a few of the things promised to "Super Conquerors" in Christ:

7 PROMISES TO 7 CHURCHES

1. RIGHT TO EAT FROM THE TREE OF LIFE
2. WILL NOT BE HURT AT ALL BY THE SECOND DEATH
3. GIVEN HIDDEN MANNA & WHITE STONE WITH A NEW NAME
4. AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS
5. DRESSED IN WHITE, NAME NEVER BLOTTED OUT FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE
6. PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD
7. THE RIGHT TO SIT ON HIS THRONE

- While these promises stand true and should be ever present in our minds as we divide between the trivial things, trifles of this life and the triumph that is ours in Christ; it must be noted that no victory comes without a cost.
 - Church we cannot hope to inherit these things without a Wartime mentality
 - The Super-Conquerors who receive these things remain joyful in trial and confident in set backs
 - Needless to say, there was no pusillanimous passivity within them... they did not sit back and wait for things to change... they rose up in the Spirit of Christ and became the change that the world needed!

Lieutenant Buck Compton

US Army Officer

"Today, when people thank me for my service, I figure three years of my time is a cheap price to pay for this country. Nobody owes me a thing."

"A warrior's perspective"

The goal of the message is to transform their perspective and daily actions:

God is more than a conqueror, therefore we can be in Him

Removing alternative perspectives that seek to lessen and dilute the warrior ethos of Christ

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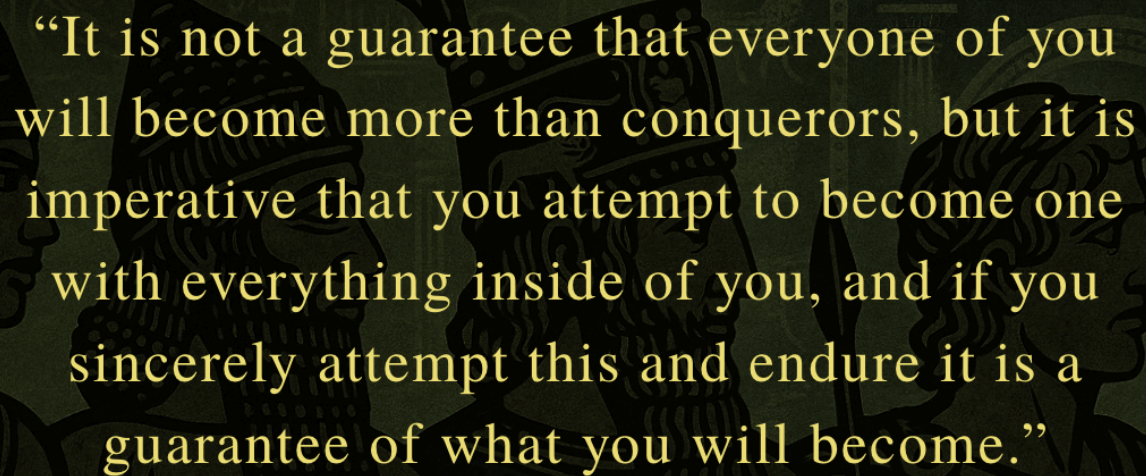
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