

## Worship Service

May 3, 2015

*Worship Song .....	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer .....	Pastor	
Bible Reading .....	Romans 8:31-39 .....	Lyle Atonson
Prayer .....	Ramon Roman	
Announcements .....	Solomon Berhanu	
Communion .....	Together	
Offering Prayer .....	Pastor	
Offering .....	Together	
Special Song .....	ESF Band	
Message .....	<b>More than Conquerors</b> ..... Timothy Hong	
*Benediction .....	Pastor	
* <i>Please stand</i>		

### Today's Sermon Outline

#### **More than Conquerors**

Romans 8:31-39

#### **No one can be against us** (verses 31-32).

In our lives, there are many enemies and obstacles we must fight. Sometimes we feel that the whole world is against us. But, even though the whole world may oppose us, if we trust in God's love, He is on our side. When God is our support and our backbone, there is no one who can be against us.

How do we know that God is on our side? How can we be sure that He loves us enough to be on our side? As a sure sign of His love for us, God did not just say, "I love you." But He has proven His love through marvelous action. God loves us so much that He gave up His most precious possession, His only Son- Jesus (verse 32). If we have this love, what does it matter if all the power in this world lines up against us?

We may be intimidated by powerful adversaries when we have no power to fight them. We are so small and so weak before great adversaries. But we shouldn't be intimidated, because when God is on our side, He enables us to overcome them (Matthew 12:20-21).

#### **No one can condemn us** (verses 33-34).

Even if you conquer many things in this world, you will become a loser if you can't be justified by God. Because you will live with constant oppression and guilt in your heart caused by your sins. When all the world bring charges against you, God cancels all those charges against you and declares you righteous. And that is what the phrase means: *It is God who justifies.*

And the reason why He justifies you is not because of who you are or what you have done, but because of what Christ has done for you. The reason God is in favor of you is because you are in Christ. Through His death on the cross, Jesus broke down the dividing wall between us and God. And God declares that we are right with him. That declaration guarantees that you are a child of God, the King of all kings. The declaration set you free from all the curses caused by your mistakes and sins. The declaration guarantees that you will be with God eternally. That is why you are more than conquerors.

#### **No one can separate us from the love of God** (verses 35-39).

Men conquer the world with extra ordinary courage, strength, endurance and wisdom. And they become conquerors. But there is no conqueror who can conquer all of the troubles in life. They especially don't have power to overcome the fear of death. However, those who believe in Christ have the power to overcome all troubles in life including the fear of death.

God does not always pull His children out of hardships and troubles. But God enables them to victoriously overcome all troubles. When Stephen was stoned to death by persecutors, he claimed victory over death (Acts 7:56). Although Paul lived in lots of hardships and troubles, he victoriously overcame all of them ( 2 Cor. 4:8-11). With God's love for us in Christ, we have access to the same strength they had.

God's love for us in Christ attaches us to Him forever. Nothing can separate you from the love of God. Nothing. In the midst of all life's afflictions, we have God's assurance of His eternal presence.

In Christ, our heavenly Father is on our side. With His aid we can handle all that Satan and the world can throw at us. We will be super-conquerors through Christ.

#### ***Applications***

1. How can you be sure that God loves you enough to be on your side?
2. Why can no one condemn you if you become a child of God in Christ?
3. How can you victoriously overcome all adversaries and become greater than conquerors?

**Announcements**

**Lunch Serving**

This week— Linnie, Priscilla

Next week – Men’s group (Right after service all men will gather at the sanctuary today to prepare for mother’s day service and fellowship)

**Elder Ordination Service of Rolando Sanchez**

Will be held on May 10 (Sunday) at 2:30 PM right after lunch. All church members are to attend at the service. Ride will be given after the ordination service.

**Mother’s day special service and lunch fellowship**

Will be held next Sunday (May 10). Please invite all mothers.

**Traveling mercies**

\*For mama Rosa and Rolando Sanchez who will be coming back from Peru to Chicago tomorrow (May 4).

\* For Samuel Lebbie who is visiting a mission organization in Oregon for a week.

**Volunteers for Church Cleaning on Sundays (May)**

Place	Group	Leader
Fellowship Hall	Filipino	Lyle Atonson
Sanctuary	Hope /African/Korean/English	Matthew Parks
Bathroom & Hallway	Spanish	Analís Garcia
Sunday school rooms & Offices	College & Youth group	Aldrick Lim

**Ushers of the Month of May**

<b>Offering ushers</b>	Martha Velasquez, Jovie Dumlao, Raul Lopez, Blanka Guerra
<b>Welcome ushers</b>	Priscilla Caronongan, Lidia Lopez, Analís Garcia
<b>Kitchen</b>	Lunch preparation group

**Last week’s offering**

<b>Tithe</b>	Bong & Priscilla Caronongan//Teresita Dumagpi//Jovi Dumlao//Erlyn Bacan//Anayza Gill//Gail Hill//Lydia Hong//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Alex & Analís Lucas//Leiva Rolando Sanchez//Kiwang & Inok Song//Bethsaida Rodriguez
<b>Lord's Day</b>	Rene & Lynn Corachea// Bertha M. Fernandez//Timothy Hong//Alex & Analís Lucas//Andrea Martin//Joseph & Jennifer Song//Susan Song//Marta Velasquez//Patricia Lopez//Maria Gutierrez//Anthony Williams
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	Bertha M. Fernandez// Anayza Gill//Gail Hill//Bukson Kim
<b>Mission</b>	Hair Cut//Solomon & Muluye Berhanu//Gail Hill//Lydia Hong//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Ramos Carlos Lopez//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Samuel Lebbi

**Weekly Bible Reading Chart**

Date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	√
5/4(Monday)	1 Kings 10-11		Luke 24:1-35	
5/5(Tuesday)	1 Kings 12-13		Luke 24:36-53	
5/6(Wednesday)	1 Kings 14-15		John 1:1-28	
5/7(Thursday)	1 Kings 16-18		John 1:29-51	
5/8(Friday)	1 Kings 19-20		John 2	
5/9 (Saturday)	1 Kings 21-22		John 3:1-21	
5/10 (Sunday)	2 Kings 1-3		John 3:22-36	

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**Worship services:**

Sunday 11:30 AM

-Main Worship Service for All

**Prayer services**

Fridays 8:00 PM

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 105

**Bible Study**

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM

Open to all – Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell groups –By appointment

Hope group – Sunday 10:00 AM

**Cell Groups**

According to arrangement of each cell

**Campus Ministry**

Wednesday- At Truman

**Youth Ministry**

Sunday – 1:30 PM

**Children’s ministry**

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

**ESF Band Practice**

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

**Missionaries**

Nancy Campo – Campus ministry in Peru

Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic

Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India

Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Samuel Lebbie – Campus ministry in Senegal, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

**Ministers**

Senior pastor -Timothy Hong

Hope group ministry- Sang H. Lee Youth group ministry- Aldrick Lim

Audio visual ministry -Ki Wang Song

Assistant pastors– Harold Goneh, Kurt Schwartz, Solomon Berhanu