



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 24 – Love Overcomes
May 30, 2021

Courage cannot be rationalized.

Hebrews 12:1

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us

Each of us has a race to run, a purpose to fulfill.

The greatest power of all is God's love.

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

Jimmy Hendrix

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Love never fails! Love overcomes all!

1 John 4:16

*¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

Love conquers all and love overcomes - every time!

Romans 8:37

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



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Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 John 4:17-18

¹⁷ *This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

The greatest accomplishment of God's love becoming fully complete in us is that we have been made like Jesus. And because of this we can have confidence on the Day of Judgment.

Revelation 12:10-11

¹⁰ *Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:*

*"Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.*

*For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.*

¹¹ *They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.*

We overcome by the Blood of Jesus and by our testimony.

My testimony is meant to strengthen myself, as well as others.



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Narrative Domain of the Mind: As we grow and develop, we naturally begin the process of making sense of what is happening in our lives.

We take input from our awareness, or conscious domain, our memory domains, and we begin to tell our stories, with most of the content being nonverbal and nonconscious in nature. This narrative is highly influenced by our most intimate attachment relationships. Thus “who I am” is always going to be understood in terms of my relationships, past or present, that currently are influencing my mind’s activity. Thus even people who are deceased can continue to have sway over my life, depending on how I continue to process my ongoing experiences with my memory of them. This is why I can continue to have feelings of shame when I have memories of events involving a parent who is no longer living.

It is the story we tell ourselves about ourselves.

Satan taunts us in the narrative domain of our minds.

We are agreeing with the enemy and giving him territory in our minds when we repeat negative message about ourselves.

We must stop agreeing with the enemy and start agreeing with God’s love.

Because of God’s unfailing love, I will be OK. I will win.

The intensity of a drama loses its edge once we know the end of the story.

We already know the ending of our story...and we have confidence on that day!

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