



# Live Different

## “Therefore, Conquerors!” | Romans 8:12-39

1. As you take a helicopter view of Romans 8:12-38, what do you notice about the key themes of Paul’s message and how he divides up the flow of his argument? How many different sermon themes can you find? Can you identify how these themes follow what we have previously discovered in Romans 7 and Romans 8:1-11?
2. What does it mean to *“live according to the flesh”* and *“put to death the deeds of the body”* in verses 12-13? How can we apply these concepts in our daily lives?
3. In verse 14, Paul mentions that those led by the Spirit are children of God. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit, and how does this relate to our identity as children of God?
4. According to verses 15-17, what is the relationship between the Spirit of adoption and our assurance of salvation? How does this affect our understanding of God as our Father? Why might a Christian struggle over relating to God as Father or Daddy? Share your experiences.
5. Verse 18 speaks of *‘our present sufferings’*. What kind of sufferings do you think Paul is referring to, and how does he encourage believers to view them in light of the glory to come? How might our sufferings differ to those of Paul in his time?
6. In verses 19-22, how does Paul describe the creation's current state, and what is its hope? How can believers play a role in the redemption and renewal of creation?
7. Verses 26-27 talk about the Holy Spirit interceding for us with groanings too deep for words. What significance does this have in our prayer life, and how does it relate to our weakness and dependence on God?
8. How do verses 28 and following give you encouragement in this life and for the life to come? Is Paul’s description reflective of how you feel? Why? Why not?
9. How does Paul describe the love of Christ in verses 35-39? What are the things he lists that cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ, and why is this important for our faith?
10. Reflect on your own life and experiences. How do/have the teachings and promises in Romans 8:12-39 apply to your personal walk with God and your relationship with others?



What did you discover about God in this passage?  
What did you discover about people in this passage?  
How will you commit to obey this passage this week?  
With whom will you share what you have learned?

