



WOW: Word Of the Week

Hupernikomen

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WOW. People are listening, reading, thinking, responding. Thank you! In response to my post about kakorrhaphiophobia (abnormal fear of failure or defeat), a friend suggested that the opposite might be *hupernikōmen*. Yes! I tracked with him immediately. A Greek word from Romans 8:37. We are super-conquerors. A more familiar translation says “we are more than conquerors.”

This week, in the US, Independence Day will be celebrated. Freedom, liberty. Either word would be worthy of a WOW salute. I take the road less traveled.

You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:32). The power of truth. Truth and victory are connected in John’s first letter. *“Little children, you are from God and have **overcome** them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of **truth**... (1 John 4:4-6).*

The antidote to an overwhelming fear of failure or defeat—the certainty of victory. Hupernikomen, super-conquerors. Through the power of liberty in Christ. Truth. Romans 8 points to great truths. In all these things, we overcome, victorious, a glorious victory. What things? Verses 31-36.

31, If God is for us, who can be against us?

32, He did not spare his own Son, will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

33, Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34, Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus died, was raised, is at the right hand of God, is interceding for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

In all these things, we overcome, victorious, a glorious victory. No more fear of failure, no more fear of defeat. One more passage from John’s first letter: *For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. (1 John 5:4)*

No matter the country of your residency on earth, Christians have their citizenship in heaven. Be thankful this week for your liberty in Christ, faith that overcomes, more than conquerors, by the Spirit of truth. Take time to ponder these thoughts, be grateful, pray.