



³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
³⁹neither 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.

Romans 8:35-39 (NIV)

STAY UP

Conquerors:

the defining characteristic of conquerors is the ability to violently usurp others and take their land and possessions by force; moreover, history's "greatest conquerors" convinced legions of men underneath them to pillage at scale.

Napoleon Bonaparte conquered 720,000 square miles

Alexander the Great conquered 2,180,000 square miles

Genghis Khan conquered 4,860,000 square miles

A conqueror defeats his enemy, but one who is more than a conqueror befriends his enemy.

A conqueror nullifies the purpose of the enemy; one who is more than a conqueror inspires God's purposes for his enemy.

A conqueror strikes down his foe; one who is more than a conqueror can build up his foe.

“More than conquerors possess a holy arrogance of victory in the
might of Christ”

F.B. Meyer

**We Stay Up Because He
Never Separates From Us**

Solitude is where God takes hold of us with the arms of the Spirit and we take hold of God with the arms of our heart.

In Solitude We Can:

A. Worship Him

B. Hear His Voice in His Word

C. Receive the Comfort of His Closeness

Some people are addicted to stimulation because they're so afraid of isolation and so unaccustomed to solitude.

“These days, insecure in our relationships and anxious about intimacy, we look to technology for ways to be in relationships and protect ourselves from them at the same time. This can happen when one is finding one’s way through a blizzard of text messages; it can happen when interacting with a robot...But when technology engineers intimacy, relationships can be reduced to mere connections. And then, easy connection becomes redefined as intimacy. Put otherwise, cyberintimacies slide into cybersolitudes.”

Sherry Turkle, *Alone Together*

“If we possess inward solitude we do not fear being alone, for we know that we are not alone.”

Richard Foster

“True religion disposes persons to be much alone in solitary places for holy meditation and prayer. True grace delights in secret converse with God.”

Jonathan Edwards

**We Stay Up Because He
Never Abandons Us**

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)

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

Romans 8:35 (NIV)

“The disasters of the world do not separate us from Christ; they bring us closer.”

William Barclay

¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:18-21 (NIV)