



# EXPOSED

FINDING TRUTH IN TURMOIL

1) How has God been exposed by turmoil in your experience?

2) How can we be more than a conqueror by:

- Trusting a lesser position than winning? Letting someone else be in control?
- Trusting even when we do not get our way? Letting someone else get their way?
- Trusting by not having to be better than others? Letting someone else be better?
- Trusting when we don't get out of a situation? Enduring through something uncomfortable, difficult, or impossible?

**How do these situations make us more than conquerors as we trust Jesus and let him be the center of our lives?**

3) From our sermon this morning, look at 5 components of the fearless attitude expressed in Romans 8. Pick one of these and share how you will live differently in light of this truth.

**Fearless is...**

Loving Jesus more than life (v.1-16)

Seeing suffering differently: disappointed, but not devastated (v.18-21)

Admitting weakness and experiencing strength from God (v.26-27)

Knowing that we will be tempted to blame God (v.28-30)

Trusting that God will always love us (v.35)

4) God wants us to be fearless and full of adventure! How is this happening in your life? If it's not, what will be your first step in moving toward a fearless, adventure filled life?

## Getting to Know Me

1. Not many of us are facing or will face what Lori and Mark Jones are facing; yet God's grace is no less available to us. How does the example of Christ's strength in Lori and Mark's lives encourage you in your suffering?
2. Lori said that we are not meant to love this life, we were meant for something more. What can be different in your own spiritual journey knowing this truth?
3. Describe a time that turmoil did or didn't ruin your life. What did you find made a difference?
4. We are being shaped for eternity. In what ways does turmoil or suffering shape use for eternity?

## Into the Bible

1. Pastor David offered several references to what it means to be fearless from Romans 8. How would you have handled suffering in your own life differently in light of Romans 8:1?
2. Read Romans 8:16-18. Christ followers are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, and we share in Christ's suffering. What does it mean to suffer with Christ?
3. Pastor David made the point that we can "see suffering differently" in light of vs. 18 where Paul says his present suffering is "insignificant" compared to the glory to be revealed. What does it mean to be glorified with Christ?
4. Romans 8:2 says that the Spirit of life has set us free in Christ Jesus from sin and death. Can we reach that depth of faith that the Jones' are experiencing, and how do we do that?

## Application

1. How would you describe a trust that's greater than fear? What do you think that kind of trust looks like in real life? Can you give an example?
2. How has God changed your perspective about what it means to be more than a conqueror? In what ways has your faith had an impact in your own victories?
3. David said, "When we have comfort in our life, we consider that a blessing. But it doesn't mean that suffering comes from God." What are your thoughts about this statement? How does it compare to what you have believed? What are other scripture passages that speak to this?
4. Give examples in your own life where you have allowed the "Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus" to trump your fears? And examples where you may not have allowed God's freedom to work it out.