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<b>SPEAKER</b>	Doug Carroll
<b>TITLE</b>	Living Convinced
<b>SERIES</b>	We've all heard the phrase, "You should know better." But what does "better" look like, and how can we come to know it? Romans 8 reminds us that's what the Holy Spirit is here for. And as we trust and rely on Him, we can truly know better.

In the classic film "Sound of Music," actress Julie Andrews sings of having confidence as she faces her fears of stepping into the outside world. She sings of having confidence in sunshine, in rain, in spring coming again, and in herself. We as Christians have something much greater to put our confidence in. Today Doug showed how "living convinced" gives us true confidence to face the spiritual battle this life represents knowing the battle is already won!

1. Who do you turn to in your life for wisdom? God does use others as well, but do you realize how much power we have to never be alone because the spirit of God is always with us? Discuss with your group what this means personally.
2. Do you believe that God is in your corner and on your side? Are there days where this does not feel like the case? Share with your group and encourage one another.
3. The Armor of God is discussed in Ephesians 6:10-18. How can the Armor of God protect you and be a valuable tool that helps you live out a "convinced" life?
4. Read 2 Cor 11:20-29. What was it about Paul's faith that gave him the ability to pen Romans 8:38-39 with unwavering confidence no matter what he had been through, was going through, or would go through?
5. What does it look like to be convinced? Paul went through so many trials, yet he said "I am convinced" that nothing could separate him from the love of God! Faith the size of a mustard seed is all we need. It can be trusted! How is this possible?
6. Doug stated the devil wars against us to "convince" us that God is not for us (1 Peter 5:8). Can you think of a difficult circumstance you encountered where your faith wavered? How did you respond? Did you fight back?
7. Perhaps social media is impeding you or your family from living a "convinced" lifestyle. Are you seeking value from the assurances of your social network rather than the love of God? If so, what changes can you make?
8. Are you convinced that God is for you all the time no matter what? Why or why not? If not keep preaching the gospel to yourself and allow its truth to convince you. The gospel in a nutshell...
  - You were separated from God
  - Christ died taking God's wrath and purchased you

- Christ was buried
- Christ rose again
- Christ is seated at God's right hand and is your high priest

Fight FROM victory knowing the battle is already won! It is finished!

If you don't know... the same power and love that can never be separated, can be yours today!  
All you have to do is turn to God, ask, and be forgiven and accepted!

May we live with Hope!