

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week, special guest speaker, Bob Marvel, continued our *Fearless* sermon series, reminding us that God is more powerful than anything this world can throw at us. And for those in whom God dwells, they will overcome. Our reliance on God is the secret to being fearless. Threats, circumstances, situations that bring about fear are real, the answer isn't denying our reality, but rather expanding our perspective. Don't forget who you are, but more importantly don't forget whose you are:

1 JOHN 4:4

You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world."

SCRIPTURE:

PSALM 139:13-18

- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
- ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts,[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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COLOSSIANS 3:2

Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8, 18

⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; ... ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

JOHN 16:33

These things I have spoken to you so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

ROMANS 8:37

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through him who loved us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Bob's message?
2. Read Psalm 139:13-18. What do you learn about who you are?
3. Read Colossians 1:15-20. What do you learn about Jesus?
4. Read 1 John 4:4. Who is within you? Who is in the world? (Use a concordance, Bible dictionary, other verses, or your own general knowledge and experience to define the darkness in the world.)
5. Read Colossians 3:2 and 2 Corinthians 4:8, 18. In your Bible, highlight what our focus should be.
6. Read John 16:33 and Romans 8:37. What promise is contained in these verses? How can this change your perspective of circumstances, trials, etc. you are facing?
7. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for giving you the gift of the Holy Spirit, that he within you is greater than he who is in the world, that he has both overcome and will overcome. Give your trust fully to God, set your eyes on Jesus, and expand your perspective through the presence of the Holy Spirit.