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DEVOTIONS CONNECTING TEENS TO CHRIST

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither 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

Superheroes

What's the worst you've ever lost in a game? There was a high school basketball team in California that lost a game by the score of 161-2. Ouch!

As bad as that might be, how would you feel if you were naked, starving, and had the sharp blade of a sword pressed against your neck all because of your faith in Jesus? You would probably feel defeated.

It's not easy being a Christian in this world. You will face ridicule and shame and hardship because of your faith in Jesus. There are times when you will feel defeated. There are times when difficulties and struggles will make you question God's love for you. But there's something you need to know. You have already won because Jesus won! Nothing can separate you from God's love!

God proved just how much he loved you when he sent Christ Jesus to die for you. Even more than that, Jesus was raised to life and is interceding at God's right hand for you. You have victory over sin, death, and over any enemy that tries to stand between you and God's love.

So God picks a special word to describe you because of what Jesus has done. Romans 8:37 is the only place in the Bible where this word appears. God calls you a superhero or a super-conqueror! The brand "Nike" (which means "victory") comes from this word. But God doesn't say that you are victorious or even a little bit victorious. He says that you MORE than victorious. You are a super-conqueror because Jesus was a super-conqueror!

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, when I feel defeated and ashamed in this world, remind me of the victory I have in you. Assure me each day that NOTHING can separate me from your love. Amen.