

Sunday – October 19, 2025
Fall Series: Why Church? Why Not?



"Flourishing with Confidence"
Romans 8:35-39

Theme: *True flourishing is not found in circumstances, but in the unbreakable, unshakeable love of God that holds us through them.*

Key verse: *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).*

Chapter 8 in Romans should be highlighted in the bible of every follower of Jesus. It is the heartbeat of the apostle Paul's motivation and ministry. With a deep understanding and appreciation of his new identity in Jesus, and the benefits that come with it, Paul encourages others to stand strong and thrive with Jesus.

Flourishing begins when we know we are _____. (Romans 8:35-37)
"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" (Romans 8:35-37).

Love moves me _____.

God's love is not fragile, will not fail so I can keep going and growing

Flourishing means living as more than _____. (Romans 8:37)
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God's love _____

Where do I live with a fear of failure?

"and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

God's love and power will conquer all

Flourishing is rooted in the _____ love of God. (Romans 8:37-39)

"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 8:38-39).

I flourish when I am loved _____

No dimension of reality one can imagine can frustrate God's care or love for us.

How to Flourish in the Love of God

- Remind yourself of who you are and whose you are.
- Rehearse God's Faithfulness
- Resist Fear with Love — Let perfect love drive out fear (1 John 4:18).
- Reflect God's Love to Others — Encourage and serve those around you.

This Week:

- Have I experienced the unshakeable love of God through Jesus?
- What will I do differently knowing that I am loved unconditionally?

Next Week: New Series: "Speak Up but Don't Shout"
"Is the Phone Off the Hook? How Do I Know God is Listening"?