



## Reality of being more than a conqueror in life

Romans 8:37 says that Christians are "more than conquerors" in this world. But do we really know what it means

to be more than a conqueror? I know it took many years for me to learn what it means and how to live the victorious life Jesus died to give us as believers.

I remember many years when I went to church faithful-

ly every week, yet my private life was pathetic. It was so frustrating because I really loved God and was a born-again believer, but I wasn't experiencing victory over the problems in my life so that I could really live for God and help people.

As I eventually grew in my personal relationship with Christ and spent time studying the Word, I came to understand what it means to be more than a conqueror and how I could get there. And if I can do it, so can you.

To be more than a conqueror means that before you ever get a problem, you already know that whatever problem comes your way, you can overcome it through Christ. You live with confidence that God loves you no matter what and He will never leave you nor forsake

you. And when you have this kind of relationship with Christ, you aren't constantly afraid of bad news or of things that may happen that aren't in your plan. When the unexpected happens or you're disappointed, you won't be devastated by it.

See, when you get a revelation of who you are in Christ, you know that with Christ on the inside of you, there is nothing that can happen that's more than you are because there's nothing that's too much for Him! First John 4:4 confirms it: "Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world" (AMP).

It's so important for us to get

this truth down in our hearts and see ourselves as more than conquerors through Christ Jesus because if we don't, then our enemy, Satan, will be able to confuse us and keep us from victory. And all the enemy wants to do is kill, steal and destroy what God wants us to have (see John 10:10). He wants to diminish you - make you small-minded and small in spirit so you'll live a small, frustrated life.

But we don't have to live that way. Every person who confesses that Christ Jesus is Lord, repents of their sin and gives their heart to God is a child of God and belongs to Him. And in Christ, we are made right with God, we are His righteousness, and we have the power of Christ in us to live right.

Do you realize what this means? It means that as we spend time with God in prayer and studying the Bible, we can access the wisdom and strength we need to make right choices and behave right.

It doesn't happen all at once or overnight, but we will make progress every day that we seek God this way.

I really want you to get this revelation of who you are in Christ as a born-again believer so you won't be frustrated or discouraged or feel like you're always under attack and just trying to get through the day. God has more for us than that!

When you make a mistake and the devil comes and tells

you, "You're no good," you don't have to take on the guilt and condemnation he wants to put on you. No! You can immediately confess your mistake to God, thank Him for forgiving you and cleansing you with the blood of Jesus, and move forward in the victory of His grace and forgiveness.

Here's a scripture that has helped me take hold of who I am in Christ and live with victory over the hardships of this world: "In this [union and communion with Him] love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us...because as He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17 AMP).

I encourage you to learn who God really is. Get a deeper understanding of His character and His heart for you. Spend time with Him, read His Word, and let Him love you. Know that He loves you unconditionally. He is good.

He wants to bless you and help you. When we know this truth, we don't have to be tormented by doubts about whether God cares or whether He will take care of us.

Whatever your situation is today, God knows about it.

He sees you and hears the cry of your heart. And if you will give Him your problems and do what He tells you to do, you will access His overcoming love, grace and power and be more than a conqueror. Because in Christ, as He is, so are we in this world!

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**541-991-7739**

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**JULY 31, 2015**  
**7:00PM**

**We invite you all to come and enjoy**  
**Siuslaw Pioneer Museum**  
278 Maple St. - Florence (Corner of Quince & Maple)  
(541) 997-7884  
[www.siuslawpioneermuseum.com](http://www.siuslawpioneermuseum.com)

**Watch**  
**"In Search of the Lord's Way"**  
**Sunday, 7:30 AM**  
**KMTR Channel 12**

**Then visit the**  
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**1833 Tamarack**  
**Florence, Oregon**

and experience the joy and simplicity of  
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**Bible Study: Sunday, 10:00 am**  
**Worship: Sunday, 11:00 am**

[www.churchofchristflorence.org](http://www.churchofchristflorence.org)

**Join Us In Worship**  
4 lines, approx 15 words, \$9 a week  
4 week Minimum  
Deadline 3 p.m. Mondays.

To be included in this directory contact  
the Siuslaw News at 997-3441, or drop off  
information at 148 Maple St., Old Town, Florence.

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You are invited to come and sing your favorite old time gospel hymns  
Every Friday night at 7pm • Non-denominational  
Bay Berry Square; 101 at Sutton Lake Dr. /milepost 185 N.  
For more information, please call 541-997-2681

### COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

4590 Hwy. 101, Across from Fred Meyer — 997-7418  
Sunday School, 9:30a.m. — Worship, 10:45  
Wed. Prayer - 6:00 p.m. — Wed. Ministries 1-8 Grade 7 p.m.

### CROSS ROAD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Corner of 10th & Maple — 997-3533  
Bible Study at 9:00 A.M.  
Services: Worship, 10:30 A.M.  
[florencecrossroad.org](http://florencecrossroad.org) • [office@florencecrossroad.org](mailto:office@florencecrossroad.org)

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - SBC

1935 25th St. — 997-7660 • Pastor, Dr. Marvin Owen  
Series "Through the Bible" on Wednesdays 6 p.m.  
A friendly place to worship, vacationers welcome.  
Sun.; 11am & 6pm, Sunday school 9:45am.

### FLORENCE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Worship Service: 9:00 am & 10:30 am  
Middle School and High School youth groups meet on Wednesday.

### FLORENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Pre-Denominational (Romans 16:16)  
1833 Tamarack Street (2 blocks east of Hwy. 101 on 18th St.)  
Bible Study: Sunday 10 a.m.; Worship: Sunday 11 a.m.  
[www.churchofchristflorence.org](http://www.churchofchristflorence.org)

### FLORENCE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

12th and Nopal — 997-9020  
Sunday school for all ages 9:15 a.m. • Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Group Wed. 7-8:30 p.m.  
Sunday School (for all ages) 9:50 a.m.

### FLORENCE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

1318 Rhododendron Dr. — 997-2523 — Worship at 11:00 AM — Sunday School  
at 9:30 AM — Variety of Sunday evening activities - 5 PM  
Wed. Bible & Children classes at 6:00 PM  
Call for details.

### FLORENCE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

4445 Hwy 101 (South of Fred Meyer) — 997-3951  
Worship on Saturday 10:30 A.M.  
Adult/Children's Sabbath School 9:15 A.M.

### FLORENCE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

N.W. Corner of Heceta Beach Road & Hwy. 101  
Every Sunday at 10 a.m.  
All are welcome. (541) 997-2840

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Worship & Kids Sunday School 10:00  
located at 2nd & Kingwood (541) 997-6025  
"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

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Website: [florence4square.com](http://florence4square.com)

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2610 Kingwood, Florence • 541-268-2025  
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 a.m., experience the Power of the Holy Spirit  
Pastors: George & Beverly Sisemore  
Intercessory Prayer & Worship, Thursday night @ 5:00 pm  
[florencevineyardchurch.com](http://florencevineyardchurch.com)

### NEW LIFE CHURCH-UPC

1525 12th St., Suite 24 • 541-991-9398  
Sunday Services: 10am and 6pm  
Tues. Bible Study 7:00pm

### NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.

21st & Spruce Street — 997-8113  
Adult Forum 9 a.m. — Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Worship services: Sun. 10:30am & Wed. 6pm.  
Pastor Lori Blake  
[www.lutheranchurchflorence.com](http://www.lutheranchurchflorence.com)

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE SIUSLAW

Traditional Worship Service 10:00 a.m., Pastor Steve Knowles  
Sunday School and Nursery — Organ and Choir  
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Dan Wurster, Pastor

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8:30am, Tuesdays, Morning Prayer  
Sunday Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. — Wed, 11 a.m.  
Everyone Welcome — Come walk our Labyrinth.

### SAINT MARY, OUR LADY OF THE DUNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses: Sat. 5:30 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m.  
1.5 miles south of river on Hwy 101 — 997-2312

## Soup's On to discuss effects of suffering

Monday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m., at 875 Seventh St., everyone is invited to join a group that likes to chew on life's big questions. This week, the subject will be "The effect of suffering on the soul of man."

The writings of the Baha'i Faith say: "Know thou that the soul of man is exalted above, and is independent of all infirmities of body or mind..."

The evening will begin with

bowls of potato soup, fruit, homemade bread and vegetables, followed by the evening's topic until 8:30 p.m.

The experience will change the way you think about what it means to be human.

The gathering will end with prayers for the requests left in the Prayer Pole in the garden of the Florence Playhouse and those shared by the group.

## Pierson to speak at UU

Dr. Russ Pierson, Director of the LCC Florence Center, will discuss "Faith and the Environment: Many Shades of Green," at the Florence Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Sunday, July 19, at 10 a.m.

Pierson is a Greenfaith Fellow and a 2013 U.S. Green Building Council Scholar.

One might ask, "What is the appropriate relationship of the human being to earth?"

Pierson suggests that everyone has some entry point into the conversation around our care for the earth, and the faith community has a particular and vital role to play in shaping this conversation.

All are welcome to attend each worship service.

The UU Fellowship is at 87738 Highway 101, at Heceta Beach Road, and is wheelchair accessible.

## Come see SOS remodel during open house July 23

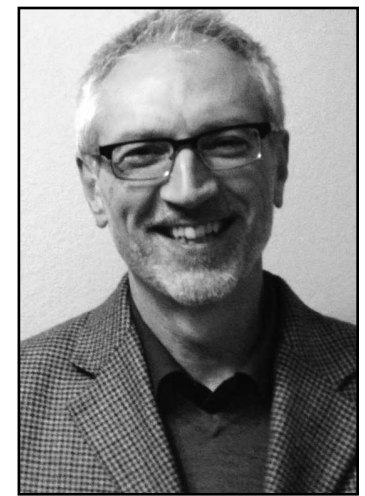
Siuslaw Outreach Services is inviting the public to an open house on Thursday, July 23, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served and staff will be available to give tours. This informal event will celebrate the recent completion of the building remodel, and will provide an opportunity to walk through

the entire building.

SOS will be noting the excellent work done by a number of local contractors, and also highlighting the memorial bricks purchased by more than 100 businesses, individuals and service organizations.

They were installed in the new entryway by Shawn Prociw Masonry.



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Russ Pierson

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