

THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES:

The Battle Rages | Revelation 7:1–8:5

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Message Summary.

Because of Jesus, God's people can stand while the battle rages. God seals His people with His Spirit, sustains them through suffering, and hears their prayers. We can follow Jesus with courage, speak truth with compassion, and trust our Shepherd to bring us home. Pray for courage. Take one faithful step.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Revelation 7:1-8 | God seals His servants before judgment proceeds. They belong to Him.

Revelation 7:9-12 | A countless multitude from every nation stands before the throne, praising God and the Lamb for salvation.

Ephesians 1:13-14 | God marks believers with His Holy Spirit, the guarantee of their inheritance.

Revelation 7:13-17 | Those made clean through the Lamb come out of tribulation. He shepherds them, and God wipes away their tears.

Revelation 8:1-5; Hebrews 4:16 | The prayers of God's people rise before His throne. Through Jesus, we can approach God confidently for mercy and help.

Start Talking.

1. When have you needed courage to try something unfamiliar or speak up?
2. What helps you feel heard during a difficult time?
3. What phrase or image from this message stayed with you?

Start Thinking.

- Read Revelation 6:17 and 7:9-10. How does the worshiping multitude answer the question, "Who can stand?"
- Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What does the Spirit's seal tell us about belonging to God and our future with Him?
- Read Revelation 7:13-17. How does this passage show that belonging to Jesus does not mean avoiding suffering?
- What do the Shepherd's care and God wiping away tears reveal about His heart? How can that future sustain us now?

- Read Revelation 8:1-5 and Hebrews 4:16. What do these passages show about prayer and our access to God?
- How can we distinguish opposition to faithful obedience from criticism we need to receive? How should we respond?

Start Sharing.

1. Which truth do you most need today: God seals you, sustains you, or hears you? Why?
2. Where has fear of rejection made your faith less visible? Share only what you feel comfortable sharing.
3. How can your words and actions express biblical conviction with humility and compassion in a difficult conversation?
4. Where are you waiting for circumstances to change? How could this group help you experience the Shepherd's care?
5. What can remembering Christians who face violent persecution teach us about gratitude, prayer, and courage?
6. What is one faithful step you can take this week? Who in this group could pray for you and check in?

Start Praying.

Jesus, thank You for saving us and making us Your people. Help us trust Your promises when life is difficult. Give us courage to follow You, humility to receive correction, and compassion as we speak truth. Sustain those who suffer for Your name. Remind us that You hear our prayers, and help us take our next step. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Read Revelation 7:1-8:5 this week. Ask, "What does this show me about God? How should I respond?"
- "This week, with God's help, I will ..." Take that step this week. Pray each morning, "Jesus, give me courage to follow You faithfully today." Ask someone to pray and check in with you.

