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Romans 8:37 " Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

Truly the greatest enemy we defeat is the enemy within; the enemy of the will of God that lurks in our troubled flesh.

Recently I taught a series on spiritual distractions. The ultimate goal of any spiritual distraction is to get us to become rebellious, disobedient to Jesus Christ, and His holy word.

Satan knows only our actions. He is unaware of the great work God is doing in our heart. Proof is the Lord's great Apostle, Paul, formerly Saul of Tarsus. To call him a terrorist would be minimizing his intent against the early church. Who knew what God was doing in his heart. We might have slaughtered Saul, thinking we were doing God a favor.

Acts 9 tells the story of Saul's conversion. In one swift stroke of the glory of Jesus, Saul was transformed. This persecutor of the church became arguably it's greatest Apostle and writer of New Testament literature.

It has been said; "on the Damascus Road, Saul gave everything to Jesus, and on the Damascus Road, Jesus gave everything to Saul."

The same can be said of you and I at Salvation. Second Peter, chapter one, verse three says;

(2nd Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory

and goodness.")

Possibly the only difference between Saul and us is - we often fail to give everything to Jesus at introduction. Although at Salvation, Jesus gives everything to us - He gives us His all.

Knowing Saul's intent against the church, Acts 9 tells us that Jesus allows Saul to begin his journey on the Damascus road. With larceny in his heart and permission from the high priest, Saul was completely unaware that Jesus walked along side him. A time known only by God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. A time recorded in eternity past, for that moment in eternity present, Jesus shines through and the terrorist is filled with terror.

You may have been taken captive for a brief moment by demonic distractions; most have no knowledge they've been distracted until the Holy Spirit slows them down and manages to get their attention.

Know that God's love for you hasn't flickered or changed. Just as He was with the terrorist of Acts 9, He is right there with you. You are still more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus.

Move forward from here! It's only up from here beloved! Eyes wide open, hearts embracing His word with gladness and determined to follow hard after Jesus.

Bless you richly,  
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