

# Out of the Woods - Outline

## September 30, 2018

**God has given us everything we need for victory in this life.**

*All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. (Ephesians 1:3, NLT)*

*No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (Romans 8:37, NLT)*

Living in victory has nothing to do with how much of God that we have but actually how much God has of us.

### **How do I walk in victory?**

1. Set aside your body for a\_\_\_\_\_.

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12:1, NLT)*

God gave us his\_\_\_\_\_.

Is there anything that you are \_\_\_\_\_from God?

Living sacrifices tend to \_\_\_\_\_the altar.

If you are facing temptation \_\_\_\_\_up to God.

2. Turn a deaf ear to the voice of\_\_\_\_\_.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, (Romans 12:2a, NIV)*

There are two competing patterns in Paul's mind:

The way that \_\_\_\_\_and the way that \_\_\_\_\_lives.

Many of us don't realize how subtly we are being squeezed into the world's way of thinking.

3. Immerse your mind in God thoughts.

*but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:2b, NLT)*

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on \_\_\_\_\_ what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8, NLT)*

Fix your thoughts...

Is this true?

Is this honorable?

Is this right?

Is this pure?

Is this lovely?

Is this admirable?

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5–6, NIV)*

# Deeper Study

## *For individuals and small groups*

### **Read Ephesians 1:3.**

Paul says that God has given us everything we need to live a life of victory.

Describe what you think a victorious Christian life looks like?

What does one day look like in the life of the average Christian who is “living in the victory of Jesus.”

### **Read Romans 8:35-39.**

Paul says in verse 37 that we are more than conquerors. In the context he describes the things we conquer.

List out the things that we conquer in Christ.

What does it mean that believers are “more than conquerors?”

What is the difference between being a “conqueror” and “more than a conqueror?”

How do we conquer “through him who loved us?”

What areas of your life are you in need of becoming “more than a conqueror?”

What does conquering in these areas actually look like for you?

How will the truths of Romans 8 help you live more in line with the truth of who you are in Christ (i.e. as “more than a conqueror”)?