



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

This Week's Icebreaker Question:

What's your favorite place you've ever visited?

Series Questions:

1. What has God revealed to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. How is it changing your life?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Pastor John stated that in Ancient Middle Eastern Culture there were four consequences of adoption:
 - 1) The adopted person lost all rights to his old family and gained all rights in his new family
 - 2) The adopted person became the full heir to his new father's estate even if there were other sons.
 - 3) The adopted person's old life was completely wiped out.
 - 4) In the eyes of Roman law and society, it was as if the adopted person was literally and completely the son of his new father in every sense.

How does this coincide with our salvation? How does this give you victory over your past and confidence for your future?

2. Read Romans 8:15, Mark 14:36, and Galatians 4:6 - Jewish people addressed God with extreme reverence and fear. Only Jesus and the Apostle Paul refer to God as "Abba! Father!" Both are intimate names. How do you usually engage with God? With fear and trembling, or with intimacy like a father/child relationship?
3. Pastor John stated that "Adopted children in many cases were more honored than a natural child. It was literally an act of honor to be adopted because you weren't just born into a family, you were chosen!" How does that shape our thinking when it comes to our relationship with God? What does it mean to be an adopted child of God?
4. Read Matthew 6:6-13: As believers and more specifically "children of God," how should we pray? What is Jesus teaching us through what is famously known as "The Lord's Prayer?" How should we approach God based on our status as children of God?
5. Read Romans 8:17-18 and Galatians 4:1-7-One commentator writes, "The value of an inheritance is determined by the worth of the one who bequeaths it, and the inheritance of Christians is from the Creator, Sustainer, and Owner of the world. God is not only the source of our inheritance but is Himself our inheritance." What does it mean to be "heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ?" How does that frame how we look at heaven?