

## Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Sermon notes

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 2:12–17

### **Paul’s imagery of a Roman triumphal procession.**

**Key picture:** Christ as the triumphant leader, believers as joyful participants, gospel as the fragrance spreading everywhere.

#### **Main points:**

1. We are already victors in Christ.
2. We are always in His triumphal procession.
3. We must think and live like champions.

#### **I. We Are Already Victors in Christ**

- 1 Corinthians 15:57 — Victory through Christ.
- Romans 8:37 — More than conquerors.
- Earthly victories fade: trophies tarnish, jerseys go on sale, glory passes.
- Christ’s victory is eternal — we are champions forever.
- Truth is unchanging: John 17:17 — God’s Word is truth.
- In Christ, you can never be a loser.

#### **II. Always in the Triumphal Procession**

- Daily life = victory parade in Christ.
- Our status is secure; nothing can take it away.
- Awaiting the reward ceremony:
- 2 Timothy 4:8 — Crown of righteousness for all who long for His appearing.
- Our “ring ceremony” will be at Christ’s return, but we are already champions now.

#### **III. Think and Live Like the Champion You Are**

- Honor God by walking, thinking, and celebrating like champions.
- Rejoice in the Lord always.
- Life is a library: trophies, journals, photos, letters — reminders of God’s faithfulness.
- Prayer: “Lord, since You gave Your gifts so freely, let me receive and enjoy them today.”
- Champions use their platform as ambassadors for Christ:
- Example: showing love to a server — love is the hallmark of a champion.
- Galatians 5:6 — Faith expressing itself through love.
- Champions don’t strive to earn what they already have.
- God’s patience is endless; His support is steady and wrapped in grace.

#### **Conclusion**

- Todd Christiansen: Sports have clarity — win or lose.
- Gospel clarity: We won! Our scoreboard is the Cross.
- Christmas reminder: cradle and cross cannot be separated.
- John 12:27 — Jesus came for this very hour.

Final truth: We are victors in Christ.

- Our status is secure.
- His care is perpetual.
- Our destiny is certain.
- We are always in His triumphal procession.
- Let's think and live like champions.