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More Than...

Romans 8:37 (NIV)

³⁷ ... in all these things we are **MORE THAN** conquerors through him who loved us.

More Than... a Hired Hand

Romans 8:12-17 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, brothers (*and sisters*), we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it.

¹³ For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,

¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba, Father.*"

¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Vs. 12-13

How do we escape the debilitating shame loop?

Vs. 14

So, who are God's children?

Vs. 15

So, who is God to His children?

Vs. 16-17

So then, who am I?

Son #1

²¹ **"And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'**

²² **"But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;**

²³ **and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;**

²⁴ **for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'** And they began to celebrate.

Son #2

²⁹ **"But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends;**

³⁰ **but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'**

³¹ **"And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.**