

Love Conquered All



Ed and Helen Meusch were sailing around the world on a dream vacation when a nightmare hit. On December 26, 2004, they anchored their boat off the island of Phi Phi, which is a small island west of Thailand, and were casually strolling along an island path.

Suddenly they heard the frantic shouts of people behind them and turned around to see a tsunami, a giant wave of destruction, racing towards them. They fled inland but the wave moved much faster than they could run. Just before the wave crashed over them the couple embraced in a tight hug. They didn't want to be separated in what would follow. A wooden motorboat thrown by the wave crashed and broke into splinters a few feet from them, and then an instant later the wave hit. It flattened them hard against the sand and pressed all the air out of their lungs. They were swept across the island, most of the time under the water, with an irresistible force.

Ed kept tight hold on his wife. He felt her body going limp in his arms as they were battered about in the wave. He grasped for anything to pull their heads above the water. His hand latched onto some debris that had formed a raft. He pulled himself up and managed to somehow to pull Helen up also. He laid her down on the raft and saw that she was dying.

A captain of a charter boat spotted the couple and brought them safely on board his small boat. Helen was bad off. She had swallowed lots of water and was having difficulty getting air into her lungs. Fortunately the charter boat had an oxygen tank on board which they used to help Helen breathe. Death and destruction floated all around them. The Captain of the boat plucked two more badly injured persons out of the water. He then headed his boat towards the mainland where he knew he could find medical help for the people he rescued.

In the mainland hospital, Helen hovered at the brink of death for several days. She developed a severe case of pneumonia which needed constant medical attention. It was six weeks before she was well enough to be released from the hospital.

A reporter discovered the Meuschs story and wrote a stirring report about them entitled Love Conquered All.

Edward Meusch loved his wife and held her tight when he could have let her go and sought his own safety. It was his love for her that gave him the strength and courage needed to save her.

Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus Christ gave his life at Calvary that sin might be put away, and sinners receive the gift of eternal life. He did this because he loved them and wanted them with him in heaven. The Son of God came from heaven and went down into the dust of death, so his creatures might go free. Thick spiritual darkness, the fear of death, and the power of Satan hung over the world like an ominous cloud but the love that brought the Lord Jesus to the cross to die for sinners conquered it all. God commended his love towards us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

At Calvary, a real Savior died for real sinners. The Savior's heart was full of love towards perishing mankind. He determined to do whatever was required so they might be saved. That meant going all the way to the cross and giving his life as a sacrifice for sin. Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. Only through faith in the Crucified One and the work he did on the cross can our sins ever be forgiven. The moment we place our faith in him is the moment we find a perfect acceptance in his love that will never change. It will not change in this life or in all the eternity to come.

After he died on the cross his body was taken down and laid in a grave. For three days his cold, lifeless body lay in the darkness of a sealed tomb. Early on the third day, women followers of the Lord Jesus went to the grave to anoint his body with spices only to make a startling discovery.

The stone over the mouth of the grave had been rolled away, and the body of the Lord Jesus was not inside. Instead, two angels in shining garments stood where the body had once been and told the women, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but risen. After this, the Lord Jesus showed himself alive to his disciples for forty days before being taken up to heaven to sit on the right hand of God.

The One who died on the cross became the conqueror over the grave not only for himself but for all those who would believe on him.

And in that love that conquered all, he has made all those who come to him more than conquerors too. A scripture in Romans Chapter 8 reads, We are more than conquerors through him that loved us. When a sinner believes on the Lord Jesus as their Savior his love takes hold of them and will never let them go. The passage in Romans, Chapter 8 continues, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ed Meusch never let go of his wife in that terrible wave, and the Lord Jesus will never let go of anyone who has placed his trust in him. He loves you and wants you to come to him to be his for all eternity. His love truly has conquered all for you. Won't you believe on him so that you might be his? Whosoever believeth on him shall not perish but have everlasting life.