

Acts 19: 13-20

- ▶ ¹³ Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” ¹⁶ Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

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- ▶ ¹⁷ When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. ¹⁸ Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. ¹⁹ A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas.^[a] ²⁰ In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power

Ephesians 6:12

- ▶ For your struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms



'We hate math,' say 4 in 10 — a majority of Americans

WASHINGTON — People in this country have a love-hate relationship with math, a favorite school subject for some but just a bad memory for many others, especially women.

In an AP-AOL News poll as students head back to school, almost four in 10 adults surveyed said they hated math in school, a widespread disdain that complicates efforts today



• Coledale's Blake Johnson, pictured with his older sister Tara and mother Judy, is the youngest Surf Life Saving Club Captain in the history of the movement.

Think of a headline 56 pt bold headline

WARREN JONES

AT 16, Coledale's Blake Johnson is the youngest Club Captain in the 100-year history of Surf Life Saving in Australia.

Blake was a surprise nominee for the role of Club Captain at the Coledale Surf Life Saving Club's recent Annual General Meeting but beat his nearest nominee by four votes to one.

A Year 10 student at Holy Spirit College in Bellambi, Blake has been heavily involved in Coledale Surf Club since a young age and this year was named the Illawarra Youth Life Saver of the year.

He may be young, but Blake has big plans for the club, which has been having trouble hanging on to younger members for some time.

Blake said something needs to be done to keep people in their late teens at the club.

"I want to try and get youth and the nippers more active in the club and try and get Coledale back on the map," he said.

"It's just matter of keeping them when they've been trained.

"We are in urgent need of new young members and the club needs to conduct an extensive recruiting campaign."

Blake said at first he was worried whether he would be up to the task of Club Captain, considering his school commitments, but he is certainly not doing it alone.

Blake's older sister Tara is Club Secretary and his mum Judy was recently elected as the club's Vice President.

Together the three of them make up 75 per cent of the Executive Committee.

Judy Johnson said she and Tara will be on hand to make sure Blake doesn't get too caught up in the fame of being Captain.

"It hasn't really gone to his head yet," she said.

"We'll be here keeping him in line."

Despite beginning his Higher School Certificate next year Blake said he would like to run again for Club Captain, but rejected the idea of running for presidency of the club when he comes of age.

"No way," he said.

Dad was President down at Bulli Junior Soccer Club for a year or two and after seeing the amount of stress he was under, and the amount of hair he lost...



BAO XUELIN Xinhua via The Associated Press file

The Chinese missile frigate Yulin fires an anti-surface gun battery last month during exercises with Singapore's navy in the South China Sea. Some analysts fear China is elevating its presence in the sea so it can conceal its submarines.

ASIA

China may be using sea to hide its submarines

Bridges help people cross rivers

By MICHELLE DURDEN

Have you ever considered what Rockford would be like without bridges across the Rock River? How would we get from east to west? Farms might be an answer, but not a very practical one.

Bridges have helped mankind transport goods, passengers and the like for hundreds and even thousands of years. And, throughout that time, bridges have evolved from a simple plank log across a narrow creek to highly complex roadways spanning miles of shallow waterways, such as the 24-mile-long Lake Pontchartrain Causeway near New Orleans, La.

The next time your family visits Discovery Center Museum, try to find the two different arch bridges and one suspension bridge in Rock River Discovery Park. If you want to learn how engineers build bridges and buildings, you might want to participate in our upcoming Exploring Architecture Camp, from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 29, through Friday, July 31. Open to children ages 8 to 11. The camp will explore engineering and architecture with blocks,

To Do:

with pipe tapers. Call Discovery Center Museum at 902-6700 for admission fees and registration information.

To build your own bridge or building here you will need:

- Popsicle sticks
- Gum drops

By joining the popsicle sticks to the gum drops, you can connect them together to create your own structure. How high can you make a tower stand? How long of a span can you get to a bridge?

A photograph of ancient Roman ruins, featuring a prominent colonnade of columns on the left and a series of arches on the right. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The text "Against the powers" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

Against the powers

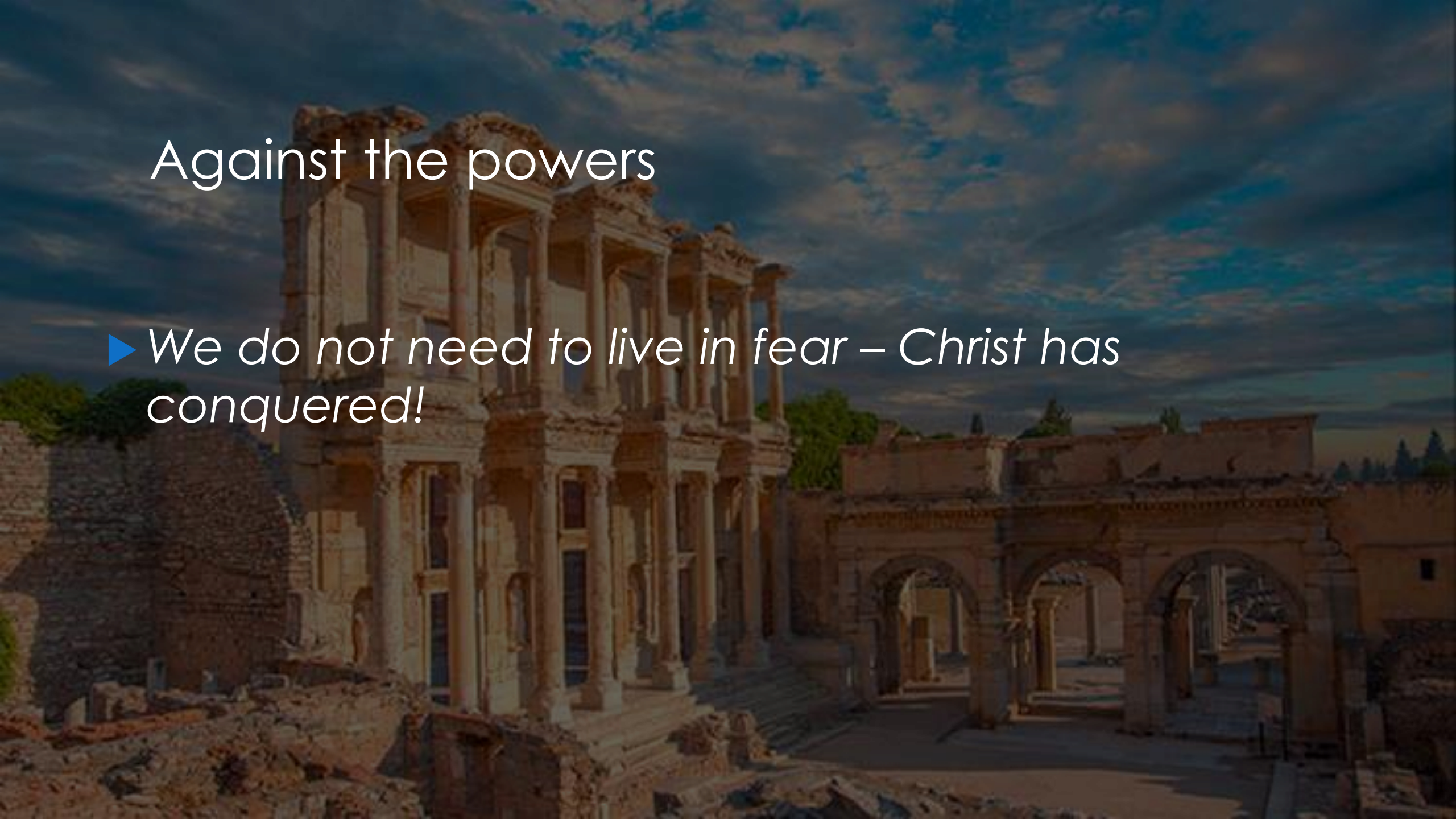


Against the powers

- ▶ *There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.* C.S.Lewis

Against the powers

- ▶ *We do not need to live in fear – Christ has conquered!*



Against the powers

- ▶ *¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you^[a] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Colossians 2: 13-15*

The background of the slide is a photograph of ancient Roman ruins. In the foreground, there are several tall, multi-story structures with classical columns and arches, some of which are partially ruined. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast day. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Against the powers

▶ What is holding us back?

Against the powers

- ▶ What is holding us back?
- ▶ Shining as light in the darkness

