

Advent 2021
Unfailing Love
Sunday, December 5, 2021

Romans 8: 35-39 NLT

³⁵Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶(As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. In Our Waiting

2 Timothy 2:13 If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful.
Numbers 23:19 Has He ever spoken and failed to act?
Deuteronomy 7:9 He lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him.
Psalm 27:13-14 I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

2. In Our Hurting

Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted.
Isaiah 43: 2-3 When you pass through the waters I will be with you.
Lamentations 3: 23-24 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed.

3. Overwhelming Victory is Ours!

Romans 8:37 Victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold to the hope we profess.
Hebrews 4:16 Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and receive mercy in our time of need.

Conclusion: Let us stand in the promises of God and trust in His unfailing love. In the waiting and the hurting as we remain open to Him, God gets the glory. May we choose to see the victory in our battles God already

sees. May we come boldly to God's throne of grace and receive His

mercy. May we look to Jesus and know we are loved beyond measure.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of December 5– December 11, 2021

Ice Breaker: Have you doubted God's love at times? Have you felt as if God withdraws His love from you in hard times?

Read Romans 8: 35-39 NLT.

1. Have you wondered this same question? (v.35)
2. Does God no longer love us because we experience calamity or trouble?
3. What is the answer to this question we face? (v. 37)
4. Who do we have *overwhelming victory* in?
5. What are we victorious in? (v.35) How do we have victory?
6. What truth is revealed in vs. 38-39?
7. Is there anything that can separate you from the love of God?
8. Can your doubt, mistakes, weaknesses, hurting separate you from God's love?
9. Read 2 Timothy 2:13. Why does His love remain?
10. Do you doubt God's love in prolonged waiting? What might God be doing in your seasons of waiting? Is this to be cruel or of love?
11. Read Numbers 23:19 What truth is revealed and what promise can we remember in times of waiting?
12. Read Deuteronomy 7:9. What is God's nature? Who does He lavish unfailing love to?
13. In seasons of waiting, should you remain faithful to God? Does He give you any reason to become unfaithful or disobedient? What is the promise to those who love Him and follow His commands?
14. Read Psalm 27: 13-14. How can this help us in our waiting?
15. If God loves us, why does God allow such pain in our lives? What do you know about this world? What do you know about Jesus' experience as He came to this world?
16. Read Psalm 147:3. Does God care about our broken hearts?
17. Read Isaiah 42: 2-3. What does God promise us, in our greatest hardship? Is that unfailing love?
18. Read Hebrews 4:16 Knowing we can never lose God's love and it is ever present, how do we approach Him for every need we have?

Point to ponder: God's love encompasses joy and sorrow. In this life we will face trials of many kinds, but take heart for Jesus came down from glory and has victory over sin and death, so we too have victory through Him! This is love divine. This is love eternal. Praise be to God for sending His Son to show us a love like no other.