

God is For Us: Lighthouse Group Preparation

Scripture Reference: Romans 8:31-39

Context

Paul is bringing his argument from Romans 1–8 to a climactic conclusion. After describing humanity's need for salvation, the way of salvation, and the results of that salvation, he addresses a fundamental question: If these things are true—if God is for us—who can possibly be against us?

1. The Evidence of Love

We often judge God's love by whether our life plans are working out. How does the cross act as a "counter-evidence" to the idea that God's love is proven by our comfort?

Dig Deeper: What is one "expectation" you have often placed on God that, when unmet, causes you to question His love?

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2. The Argument of Necessity

Paul uses an argument from "greater to lesser" in verse 32. Since God did not spare His own Son, why is it illogical to fear that He will withhold other things we truly need?

Dig Deeper: What spiritual provision—like patience, peace, or endurance—do you find hardest to trust God for right now?

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3. The Courtroom Verdict

Paul sets up a courtroom scene in verses 33–34. If Satan or our own conscience brings a charge against us, why is the answer "it is God who justifies" an absolute defense?

Dig Deeper: Are there past sins or failures that your conscience still holds against you, even though God has declared you righteous?

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4. The Advocate's Role

Many Christians view salvation as a past event. How does the truth that Christ is currently interceding for us at the right hand of the Father change how you view your daily struggle with sin?

Dig Deeper: How would your prayer life change if you truly believed Jesus was praying for you right now?

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5. The Prosperity Trap

We often operate under a "functional prosperity theology," assuming that if we are faithful, God will protect us from hardship. When that doesn't happen, why is our default reaction to think "God must not love me"?

Dig Deeper: How does Psalm 44:22, cited by Paul, challenge the idea that suffering is proof of God's absence?

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6. The Scope of Separation

Paul lists everything from tribulation to the "highest heights" as things that cannot separate us from God. Why is it so difficult for us to believe that our worst failures or our most painful life circumstances are included in this list of "nothing"?

Dig Deeper: If you filled in the blank of what "nothing else in creation" could separate you from God, what would you write?

Notes:

7. Security vs. Performance

Paul concludes by emphasizing that his assurance rests in "Christ Jesus our Lord". How does basing your security on your own performance lead to either pride or despair?

Dig Deeper: Where do you feel the most pressure to "perform" in your spiritual life?

Notes:

8. The Freedom of the Conqueror

If it is true that you are "more than a conqueror" through Him who loved you, how should that change your posture toward the challenges you are facing this coming week?

Dig Deeper: What is one area of your life where you need to stop acting like a victim and start acting like a conqueror?

Notes:

Carry-It-Forward

What's one thing God impressed on you that you want to carry into this week? How will you specifically practice that truth when you face your biggest challenge?

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Go Deeper

- **Read:** 1 John 2:1-2. Reflect on Jesus as our Advocate. How does this passage reinforce the truth that we are not alone when we fail?
- **Read:** Philippians 1:6. Consider how this verse aligns with Paul's promise in Romans 8 that God will bring the work He started in us to completion.

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