

Ultimate Assurance
God's Promises That Break Through the Noise
Blueprint for Breakthrough Series – Part 16
Romans 8:31-39
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Introduction

- The Turn Down Challenge – Dr. Carmen Imes = waiting for an invitation (you have until September 1st).
- My fears growing up of salvation and how they were soothed – my greatest fear in my life has been an eternity apart from God.
 - My list on my phone
 - When I'm rational – homework and logical analysis = work down from my logical brain to my instinctual subconscious that interacts with my emotions and my chemical releases. So, what did I find?
 - That I have a good, good shepherd – a great shepherd knows what their sheep needs and makes sure they get it. They compensate for rebellious sheep, wandering sheep, stupid sheep. They don't rely on the sheep to get themselves home, they do what's necessary to get them there. Whether it's shielding from the outside enemies or the internal drama...

We are FEROCIOUSLY protected

- Last Week – suffering in this frustrating world while we wait for the return of Christ to make things right.
 - This world isn't the whole nor the end. AND, He will redeem our suffering (Rom 8:28 – making good out of bad).
 - In the present – we not only have hope to carry us on but we have the Holy Spirit who is helping us and interceding for us in our prayers. And we know that God is working His perfect plan for us that we may end up glorified in His presence.
- This Week – In addition to hope that God is fixing it, we have extraordinary protection from the Lord, both externally and internally.

Lesson

- Asking the Right Questions
 - Paul continues his argument for confidence in the Lord
 - Romans 8:31-33 - *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies."*
 - If God is for us, who can be against us? – Who is in charge in the universe? God. Who determines all things including the afterlife? God. Who is the one who is trying to save us? God. Who is the one who ultimately has the say who gets saved? God.

- He gave His Son for us, - Jn 3:16= the extreme degree that God went to in order to save us.
 - Giving up a son is encouraging? – Two things are necessary to keep in tension: 1.) The Son = excruciating and the ultimate sacrifice for the God-Man. 2.) The Son of God isn't dead.
 - Who did God give the Son up for? – 'all of us.' Christians? Or humans? Both in different ways. The goal, the love was for all people. But who benefits from the sacrifice? = Christians.
- how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? – If God goes to extreme lengths to rescue and save us, then to what degree will he not also want to bless us and have relationship with us? victory holistically. The bible says that God gives us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).
- Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? – legal language = who is going to be the prosecution and plaintiff bringing the charge against us that says we should not be allowed to be in the eternal presence of God? Who is it that would bring the accusation or charge that our sin disqualifies us from entrance into the kingdom of God?
 - Plenty await – 1.) Satan. 2.) Self
- It is God who justifies – But Paul marches on with the good news. Yes, some may accuse, but who is the defense attorney? Who is the judge? It's Jesus and the Father, so the courtroom is stacked in our favor. It doesn't matter who brings a charge, the situation is already dealt with on the cross. This means that the blood of Jesus already paid for all sins/crimes. The law/code that condemned us was not just nailed to the cross (Col 2:14), but we died with Christ and are a new creation and therefore the old law/covenant has no hold on us anymore. And to top it all off, the judge sitting behind the bench is the Father who's whole plan was to rescue in the first place, and He is the ultimate judge of all things and will declare His judgment in favor of those who believe. This means the entire system is heavily weighted to save us.
- Defender Elite
 - Accusations have to come through Jesus Christ's intercession
 - Romans 8:34 - *"Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us."*
 - Who is to condemn? – The enemy can accuse but he cannot condemn. He doesn't have that authority or power. Only God can make a final ruling (acquittal or condemnation).
 - Christ Jesus who died and rose again is at the right hand of God - place of power and authority.
 - who indeed is interceding for us – What is the Son doing with his power place? He is interceding for us in this metaphorical courtroom. He is

expressing and explaining why we are acquitted through His actions that He did in saving us. He is proclaiming to all forces who seek to bring charge against us that we are pure, holy, made new, children of God.

- Inseparable
 - Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ
 - Romans 8:35-39 - *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?"*³⁶ *As it is written [Ps 44:22], "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."*³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*³⁸ *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,*³⁹ *nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
 - Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? – **redefine love. my definition of love was askew and incomplete.** There are **different levels to it.** The Bible explains that **God's love is an activity, an intention, a direction, a force.** In other words, if God loves someone in a certain way He is **actively doing something about it, not just feeling it.** He's actively loving. **It's more of a verb than a sense (noun).** The Bible expresses that **God does things for His kids/people that He doesn't do for anyone else.** The love changed the behavior and action. What this all means is that here **Paul seems to be using 'Christ's love' is what is actively saving us.** It's action based. It's the assurance and protection of our spirits. So, now we **read it more accurately as: What can stop God from saving us?**
 - Shall tribulation, - **something that crushes us (usually from outside).**
 - or distress, - **something that presses us between two things that squeezes the life out of us (usually inside).**
 - or persecution, - Our physical enemies' attacks.
 - or famine,
 - or nakedness,
 - or danger,
 - or sword? = **warfare or murder.**
 - As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." – Ps 44:22 **Not only did it not disqualify them but was actual evidence that they were on the Lord's team.**
 - No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
 - How are we MORE than conquerors? - **what's better than a win? It's when the very situation that was going to wreck us, or the scheme that sought to destroy us, was turned around (redeemed) for our**

betterment. We didn't just win, we became better through God's handling of it.

- For I am sure – persuaded, convinced and now certain.
- that neither death nor life - this **physical world**.
- nor angels nor rulers - The **supernatural realm**.
- nor things present nor things to come - **No matter if there are issues going on right now or the worst is yet to come**, we will be saved.
- nor powers - **anything that is in authority**.
- nor height nor depth - **on earth or in heaven**.
- nor anything else in all creation – **catchall** for the paranoid.
 - I'm in creation – **my number one concern growing up** was that I got something wrong or would do something wrong. It was never that something on the outside would ruin it for me. **But here's the thing: I'm in creation. Anything that I can come up with to ruin my salvation, God is bigger than that.**
- will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord - **Nothing in our reality is bigger than God to thwart His plans of salvation for His children. Nothing can separate us from the active love of God that is saving us. Nothing can stop what Jesus Christ began.**

Conclusion

- For those who want assurance that God is able to get you home – **be comforted today. He is really good at what He does.** He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. It doesn't depend on you being good enough, or working hard enough, it's about trusting that He is who He says He is and can do what He says He can do. His reputation as Savior is at stake.