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Stress Free Victory Romans 8:31-39 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



As we close the year and look back at 2018 let us take a moment to remind ourselves of what we have to celebrate. There may be many good things to look back on over the last year. There may also be some heart ache that we will remember over the last year. And as we look forward there are sure to be both things that we are excited about and things that make us nervous and bring stress. This week let us celebrate the biggest victory we have, Jesus our savior. In Romans 8 we are told that His love for us is unstoppable. We know and understand that the creator of the universe loves us and there is no power in all creation that can stop that love. Because of this we celebrate and we leave the stress of life behind. Both the sorrow of the past and the anxiety of the future are cast out. And we cling to the hope that we find in our Savior and the love of the God of life. Join us this week as we celebrate our stress free victory!

For I am convinced that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future,
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us
from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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Romans 8:31-39 (NASB)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? ³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;
WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How does Paul intend the reader to answer the question in verse 31?

9. In what way does God give us all things?

10. How does Christ intercede for us?

11. Why does Paul go to such length to say that we cannot be separated from God's love?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

12. How does the certainty of God's love bring joy to your life?

13. How does Jesus being at God's right hand bring us comfort?

14. When it is hardest to believe that God still loves you what can you do to remind yourself of this truth?

15. Does sin separate us from God or His love or both? How does this work?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...