



# Talk-It-Over

*"THE LAVISH LOVE OF GOD"*

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- What is the difference between the hope of a Christian & wishful thinking?

## **Romans 8:31-39**

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, *"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."* <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

- Today, have you felt more like a conqueror or conquered?
- What confidence does **verse 28** give believers about events that occur in their lives? When has it been hardest for you to believe this? Have you seen God bring something good out of a bad situation?
- From **verses 29-30**, what steps are outlined, *"For those God foreknew"*?
- How do **verses 31-34** support **Romans 8:1**, *"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"*?
- Of the agents of separation listed in **verses 35-39**, which is the most threatening to you?
- What phrase or verse from this passage particularly strikes you & why?
- Pray that the Spirit of God would help everyone in your group to not just believe this passage in the head. Pray that each one tastes the joyful reality of it in their hearts & be transformed, comforted, encouraged, & strengthened & filled with joy by it. That's the intention of our Father in heaven in revealing these truths. Praise God for such love & grace!!

