

LOVE

Theme: Love 31

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Nothing can separate us from His love.

Key Scripture: *Romans 8:35-39 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 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."*

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

Read: Twice in four verses we see God say, who can separate you from Me. I am the God of all things. No one is greater than I. Nothing has life unless I have given it life, so when I say nothing can separate you from Me, I am telling you the truth for I am the Truth. To say things can separate us from God once we have received God is to call God a liar and this is an indicator of there being unbelief in our hearts.

Our unbelief doesn't separate God from us, but in our hearts and minds we *feel* separated and speak words of being separated from God, hence our lives can reflect this reality. This is our reality and perspective but it is not God's. God says there is absolutely zero condemnation for those who are in Christ, so it is imperative we have our hearts and minds renewed to God's version of Truth.

God goes to great lengths to share with us the things that can't separate us from Him. In fact He shares with us that we are to overwhelmingly conquer through Him these very things which He says can't separate us. Let's have a look at these things.

Tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword, death, nor life, angels, principalities, things present, things to come, powers, height, depth, nor any created thing.

This is an exhaustive list of things which as His disciples we are called to overwhelmingly conquer through Him, Love.

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To have a revealed understanding of this knowledge creates so much confidence within us that we never shrink back from Him and any challenge that comes our way. We are adequately equipped to overcome through Christ anything that comes our way. Now that's a position of inner strength and power that the scriptures speak of for us to receive and live from.

Questions:

1. What does knowing nothing can separate you from God mean to you?
2. What spiritual work has been performed within you from knowing this truth?
3. Why is it critical we receive a revealed position of this truth?



4. What are the damaging consequences to us for not having this revealed knowledge?
5. How would this revealed knowledge impact God's entire family? What would a family look like in action that carried this revealed knowledge?

Action: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?