

## LEARN IT! FIT IT! LIVE IT! DON'T FORGET IT!

Sermon Series: God is for Us

Romans 8:31-39

Romans 15:4, "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures gives us strength to go on. They cheer us up and give us hope." (NIRV)  
**Learn it!** The Word of God is how God has chosen to communicate to us His people. To know what God wants us to do in life, we must first read and study His Word.

1. Romans 8 is one of the most scripturally rich chapters in the whole Bible. Paul is celebrating the Holy Spirit's work in a believer's life, the freedom that comes with belonging to the family of God, and then the hope that we have in and through Christ for His return. This week, we are studying about our anchor of truth in God's Word, despite our current life situation. We are reminded in this passage that no matter what is happening today, God is still in control and always keeps His promises.
2. **Sunday Sermon Notes/ Romans 8:31-39**
  - a. Promise: If God is for us, no one or nothing can stand against us. (vs. 31)
  - b. How is God for us?
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ generosity towards you (v. 32)
      1. Generosity means abundantly kind, without nothing from another
      2. God will give us all things
      3. All things (whatever we need) refers to:
        - a. All that is needed for our salvation
        - b. Perseverance in the faith
          - i. Perseverance means endurance, steadfastness, commitment, "stick it out"
        - c. And conformity to Christ
          - i. Conformity means molded, reflection, looks more and more like
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ opinion of you (v. 33-34)
      1. Unchanging opinion means that no matter what you do wrong (commit) or forget to do (omit) God does not change His love for you.
      2. His love, His kindness, His generosity does not change. He loves us, despite us.
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ love of you (v. 35-39)
      1. Unwavering means holds firm. Remember the song that we sang 2 weeks ago *He will Hold me Fast*. In the 1<sup>st</sup> verse it says, *When I hear my faith will fail, He will hold me fast, when the tempter (Satan) would prevail (succeed), He will hold me fast*. God's love does not change, even when we fail Him. He holds us firm, never letting go.
      2. Unseparated means draw us close, not pull away.

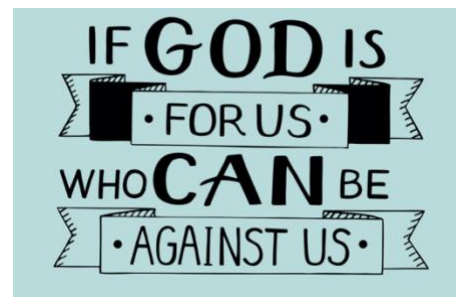
### 04.05.20 Service Songs

Opening Songs: *Way Maker* by Passion 2020, *God I Look to You* by Bethel, *No Longer Slaves* by Bethel

- *Waymaker* reminds us that God provides a way, even when life looks hopeless. In this week when we celebrate Jesus's death and resurrection, we are reminded that He is our Waymaker. He alone deserves our worship. Take time to praise Him for Who He is:
  - Waymaker
  - Miracle Worker
  - Promise Keeper
  - Light in the Darkness
- *God I Look to You* reminds us of Isaiah 43:2- "You will pass through deep waters, but I will be with you. You will pass through the rivers, but their waters will not sweep over you. You will walk through fire, but you will not be burned. The flames will not harm you." (NIRV)
- *No Longer Slaves* reminds us of the story in Exodus 14 that we reviewed in last year's Gospel Project curriculum. When the Israelites after escaping Egypt stood on the banks of the Red Sea watching the Egyptian army closing in, they became fearful, failing to look upward and remember God's deliverance of them from their slavery. He made a way for them to pass through the waters, because God is our Waymaker.
- Closing Song: *The Blessing* by Elevation Worship, Kari Jobe, and Cody Carnes. All the blessings in this song are directly from Scripture or inspired by it. The passages come from Numbers 6:24-26, Exodus 20:6, Deuteronomy 7:9.

**3. Weekly Family Devotions:** Review Learn it! Fit it! Live it! Don't Forget it! sections with your family, rehearsing the truth of God's Word from Sunday morning into your daily lives. These sections help us to learn the truth in God's Word, apply it to our hearts, live it out in our daily lives, and then remember that God is our great, ever-promise keeping God.

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- b. Read Romans 8:31-39, as a family.
- c. In verse 31, what does Paul remind us? This is a rhetorical question used to make a point. If God is for us, could anything defeat Him? Could anything take Him by surprise? Could it be out of His control?
- d. During this week as we celebrate Good Friday and Easter, what do verses 32-33 remind us?
- e. Verses 34-36 remind us about what Christ's death means for us? If you are a believer, you are saved through Christ's blood for your sins and freely given His righteousness (perfection). Who can condemn you (say that you are still guilty)?
- f. Remembering verses 31-36, what do verses 37-39 promise all believers?
- g. Building on the Cornerstone: Jesus is better because...He is our **Waymaker**.



**Fit it!** The Word of God is living and active in your life today. God's Word is for your life too.

**Bible Study Questions:**

1. Key: If God is for us, no one or nothing can stand against us
2. Key Questions from each lesson:
  - a. What does this lesson teach me about God?
  - b. What does this lesson teach me about myself?
  - c. What does this lesson teach me about the gospel? Am I seeking to share this good news with others?
  - d. How does Romans 8:31-39 change your view of what is going on in your life right now? What truths do you need to remember when things seem unknown or difficult?

**Live it!** How will you live life differently through the Bible verses that we read today?

1. Spend time praying about what you learned from God's Word this week.
2. Pray for your family prayer requests and praises.
3. Write down your family's "I SPY GOD" moments, not just with your family but in the church, in your school, in your neighborhood, and around the world. Memorize God's character as a family. This week, seek to use the words- Waymaker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the Darkness. Rehearse those truths. Can you spy God working in your family, providing for you, showing you light in dark times, keeping His promises faithfully, or working miracles- small or large?

**Don't forget it!**

Nothing can separate us from God's love- this is God's promise to us in Romans 8:38-39. How can we trust this? Because God is God, and we are not! God always keeps His promises. He did not even spare His Son from dying on the cross to pay for our sins. Because of His promises, no one can declare us "guilty", because our sin has been paid. If God is for us, who could be against us?

**BIBLE VERSES/ COLOSSIANS 1:15-20:** Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in Heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

**BIG IDEA QUESTIONS (new units in bold):**

- Who is God? God is our Creator and King
- Why can we trust God? He is faithful, and He does everything for His glory and our good.
- Does God always keep His promises? God always keeps His promises, because He is faithful.
- Is there anything God cannot do? God can do all things according to His character.
- What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.
- What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.
- What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.
- How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him.
- What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.
- Is anything or anyone greater than God? No, God is greater than everything and everyone.
- How is Jesus the perfect King? Jesus perfectly rules over the universe as King of Kings.
- What does God know? God knows everything about the past, present, and future.
- How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.
- Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.
- How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.
- Why do we pray? We pray because we trust God, and we know He hears us.
- How is Jesus the Perfect Prophet? Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.
- Who is in control of everything? God is in control of everything in Heaven and on earth.

SONGS FOR MONTH OF APRIL: [Nothing Ever](#) by Citizens Way and [Risen](#) by Israel Houghton.

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