

WORDS  
OF  
COMFORT

**MARCH 22, 2020 | DAVID ANDERSON | FAMILY NOTES**

**GOD IS FOR US!  
ROMANS 8:31-39**

**1. How is everyone doing? We try to put on a brave face, but these are unsettling days.**

**Can you think of a highlight from this past week?**

**What are some of the things you are worried about? What was a “low” this past week?**

If you haven't had an opportunity to do this already with your kids, this may be a good time for them to express their fears and anxieties out loud.

NOTE from CODkids: You might encourage your children to draw a picture of how they're feeling if that's easier for them.

**2. What encourages you as you think about Romans 8:31-39?**

**Why is this passage comforting specifically in a time like this?**

Maybe remind them of some of the key parts that Anderson preached on.

NOTE from Hillside Student Ministries: We have been studying the book of Romans all year so far, and were in Romans 8 just a couple weeks ago. How does this passage add on to what Paul has been saying in the rest of the chapter? What else in Romans 8 was encouraging to hear from Paul?

**3. In verse 35 (*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*), Paul explains seven opponents or adversities that may come a believer's way during his day.**

**What are the opponents or adversities that come a believer's way today?**

**What is “against” you today?**

Maybe you, Mom and/or Dad, begin with you sharing your adversities and opponents.

#### **4. How can we be “victorious conquerors” (8:37) even as we are worried about the coronavirus?**

**What’s the difference between a survivor/coper vs. a victorious conqueror?**

NOTE from CODkids: We just finished going through the Old Testament, which is chocked full of stories of normal people being more than conquerors. Have your kids try to recall specific examples of people overcoming their circumstances because they had confidence in God and the words that He spoke. (i.e. Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, etc.)

#### **5. How can we as a family encourage each other by reminding one another about the truth that God is for us and we can never be separated from His love?**

**Is there anyone that we as a family know who needs to be reminded of these truths? How can we pass along the encouragement/comfort from this passage to someone else who might need it right now?**

For example, memorizing Rom. 8:31-39, writing it down on a piece of paper and placing it in every bathroom mirror in the house, or committing to verbally reminding one person each day.

NOTE from Hillside Student Ministries:

1. Consider writing out one main truth from the sermon or Scripture passage or discussion time today.
2. Consider writing out one thing you want to say to God in response to that truth.

#### **6. Close in prayer.**

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*<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 delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession 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 peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:*

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;  
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

*<sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:31-39 (NKJV)*