



STUDY GUIDE

RIGHT WITH GOD 7.26.2015

[set up]

What are the situations or experiences that trigger insecurity in you?

When do you feel most insecure or unsure in your relationship with God?

[digging deeper]

Re-read our teaching passage from this last weekend, Romans 8:28-39. If you were to summarize these verses in one word, what comes to mind?

The life message from this last weekend was: “I live securely in God’s grip because He *chooses* me, *redeems* me, and *holds* me.” As you read through this portion of Scripture, which verses specifically stood out to you that conveyed the idea of:

God choosing you? _____

God redeeming you? _____

God holding you? _____

What is the nature of the devil toward us in Revelation 12:10? In what ways does he bring a “charge” against us/you? Based on Roman 8:33-34, how do we respond or what do we trust in? How does having Romans 8:1 committed to memory help us?

The faithful Christian life is not a life of ease and comfort. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-30 to see what the Apostle Paul himself went through to be faithful to Christ.

In Romans 8:35-36, the Apostle Paul presents a list of experiences that, if actually experienced, could be interpreted as God abandoning us or that have the potential to wear down a believer from being faithful to the Lord. Make a list of the experiences Paul mentioned in 2 Corinthians 11. Afterward, put a check mark next to the ones you have experienced. Next, circle the one that you think would be the hardest for you to endure. If in a LifeGroup, discuss your thoughts on this.

Thinking beyond the list Paul gave us, what would it take to silence you from living for Christ? Threat of job loss? Loss of a relationship? Being socially isolated? Torture? Death? Other?

How can we make sense of the fact that those being “killed all day long” can be seen as conquerors? Another way to think of this is – How can I best understand that God has guaranteed that my enemies (the devil, the flesh, and the world) will not have victory or succeed when I look around and see Christians suffering in this world?

Take the extra 10 minutes to watch this be explained by respected pastor and teacher John Piper here: <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/we-are-more-than-conquerors> (by the way, “Look at the Book” is an incredible resource that you can occasionally go to when doing Bible study!)

What did you see or learn after that video that helped bring even greater strength and clarity to this passage for you?

Now look at Romans 8:37-39. How many items did Paul list off that will not separate us from God’s love? How does this verse give us incredible security?

[living it out]

What is one thing you learned today that you will apply starting this week? How will you apply it?

Take a few minutes by yourself to work on memorizing Romans 8:37-39. Then, if you are in a LifeGroup, partner up and practice on each other. Commit to memorize these verses and recite them 1-2 times a day with the goal of being reminded, encouraged, and emboldened to live for Christ.

Close in prayer for:

- Security and assurance – That when you or someone else tries to convince you that God doesn’t love you or is done with you, the words of Scripture will remind you of the truth.
- The strength and boldness to lovingly but boldly remain faithful to Christ *when* difficulty, suffering, and persecution come in any form.
- Boldness to share your faith more frequently and openly (how are you doing on praying and sharing with your New Life 10|24 efforts?)
- Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Here’s a great list of 10 ways you can pray for Christians being persecuted:
<http://www.ccphilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/persectued-church1.pdf>