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This Is a Battle You Can't Lose

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SCRIPTURE

[Romans 8:31-39, NIV]

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long; We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Additional Scripture References:

Matthew 12:37, Psalm 139:14, 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 8:37, Mark 1:11, Romans 8:1

MAIN IDEA

The world celebrates getting ahead, beating your opponent, and doing whatever it takes to win — but the truth is, in the Kingdom of God, restraint is strength. In Romans 8, we are reminded that God is on our side, working on our behalf and for our good. Paul says, "Do not grow weary in doing good," because the greatest temptation isn't the fight itself, it's the lie that the fight doesn't matter. That you can't win. The good news? If you are in Christ Jesus, this is a battle you cannot lose. Whether reflecting on God's past faithfulness or looking to His future provision, all of Scripture points to Jesus' victory. History says He won. Prophecy says He wins. The cross settles it once and for all: God is for you.

If God is for you, why not live for Him?

1. No One Can Condemn Us

In the courtroom of heaven, the verdict has already been rendered: Not guilty. Case closed. Romans 8:34 reminds us that Jesus, not only crucified but risen and reigning, is actively interceding for us. The voices of condemnation, whether from the enemy, others, or even ourselves, have no legal standing in God's Kingdom. Condemnation means to pronounce complete disapproval, to declare someone guilty. But conviction is different, it's the Spirit's loving correction that leads us back to life. In Jesus, we're not just forgiven, we're adopted, defended, and forever free from the lies that say we're not enough.

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For your additional study: “Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34 NIV)

- God doesn’t speak death sentences; He speaks life declarations
- Condemnation is a counterfeit gospel that leads to death, while conviction leads to life
- If you’re convinced of God’s love, you’ll be convicted by His truth and confident in His victory.

Jesus is a defender, not a prosecutor

Q: *What’s one lie you’ve believed about yourself that God’s Word has replaced with unshakable confidence?*

Alternative Questions:

- *How does the promise of “eternal life” change the way you view your present sufferings?*
- *Christ has already won the battle. Do you ever find yourself living like you’re condemned?*
- *When you imagine yourself in that courtroom scene, what emotions rise up? How does God’s truth help you navigate those emotions?*
- *In moments when you have felt like quitting the faith race, how have the verses of Romans 8 upheld you? How does knowing that you have no condemnation and that nothing can separate you from God’s love anchor you to fight?*
- *In what ways have you seen condemnation keep people stuck, and how does the gospel break those chains?*
- *If you truly believed you were fully justified and adopted by God, how would that change the way you live this week?*

2. **Nothing Can Separate Us**

The cross settled the question of our worth. We are so valuable to God that He paid the ultimate price for us with Jesus. In Romans 8:35–36, Paul asks a bold question: What can separate us from the love of Christ? Then lists real, raw experiences, such as persecution, famine, and danger. These aren’t poetic exaggerations; they are battle scars of the early church, proof that pain doesn’t equal abandonment. Paul wants us to know: suffering is not separation — trouble may come, but Christ’s love never leaves. Like a magnet that can’t be pulled apart, God’s love holds tight through every push, pull, and storm. Moses faced the Red Sea, Joshua faced the walls of Jericho, and David faced Goliath. What God has done is the receipt of what He will do.

- The presence of opposition doesn’t mean the absence of God’s favor
- Suffering doesn’t mean separation from His love.

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- Confidence in His love steadies me in every battle.

God's past faithfulness is proof of His future provision.

Q: As we celebrate and reflect on the past 10 years of VOUS Church, how have you seen God's faithfulness over the last few years in your own life?

Alternative Questions:

- *Are you truly convinced of God's love for you, even on your hardest days?*
- *How does knowing your worth in Christ change the way you see yourself?*
- *What battle are you facing that needs God's love to carry you through?*
- *If God paid the ultimate price for you through Jesus, how would your life look different if you truly lived every day convinced of that love?*
- *If nothing can separate us from Christ's love, what does that truth mean for your life today?*
- *The presence of opposition doesn't mean the absence of God's favor. How have you seen God's favor even while walking through challenges?*

SUMMARY

We are all engaged in a spiritual battle, but in Christ we are more than conquerors. We don't fight for victory, we fight from it. This isn't survival, it's overflow — not just standing after the battle but worshipping through it. Romans 8 begins with no condemnation and ends with no separation, a crescendo of confidence for every believer. If you are convinced of God's love, you will live convicted by His truth, and confident in His victory. As VOUS celebrates 10 years, we remember: God has been faithful in the past, He is present in our battles today, and He will be faithful in the future. This is a battle you cannot lose.

CALL TO ACTION

Let this truth shape the way you walk this week: in Christ, you are justified, adopted, and deeply loved. The verdict is already in; victory is yours. Live not condemned but convinced.

- **Reflect:** Ask God to remind you of His truth over your life.
- **Respond:** Choose one way to speak life and declare God's promises this week.

PRAYER PROMPTS

As you reflect on Sunday's message, here are some guided prayers and scriptures you can use over the next week. If you're looking for ways to grow deeper in this specific area, let these words cover, challenge, and encourage you along the way.

1. Prayer for Conviction in the Battle

Lord, when I feel weary or tempted to quit, remind me this is a battle I cannot lose. Strengthen me with conviction that your Spirit is fighting for me and my struggle is not in vain.

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9)

2. Prayer for Assurance of God's Love

Father, convince me again and again that nothing can separate me from your love. On the days I feel distant or unworthy, let your love hold me steady, stronger than every lie of the enemy.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39)

3. Prayer for Courage in Opposition

Lord, when I face hardship, persecution, or resistance, help me see it not as proof of your absence but of your favor. Remind me that suffering does not mean separation, and you are always with me in the fight.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Philippians 4:7)

4. Prayer for Freedom from Condemnation

Jesus, thank you that there is no condemnation for those in you. Silence the lies of the enemy in my life. Teach me to speak words of life over myself and others, walking in the freedom you purchased for me.

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Care Request Form

If someone in your Crew needs care, we want to come alongside you. Our Care Response Team is designed to equip you to walk with people in different seasons of their life.

Our team is committed to celebrating life's best moments with you and offering support through its hardest ones.

We would love to come around you for the following life events:

+ Marriages

+ Births

+ Deaths

+ Hospitalizations/Illness

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Please submit a request at vouschurch.com/requestcare

VOUS10 CELEBRATION

This Sunday, September 28th, VOUS 10 year anniversary! Anniversary Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate God's faithfulness over the last 10 years of VOUS. Come and celebrate at any of our locations and services happening all day Sunday!

Bricklayers Entrepreneur Breakfast

On Thursday, September 25th, we're hosting our Bricklayer Entrepreneur Breakfast — a morning designed to connect, encourage, and inspire the entrepreneurs, founders, and business leaders within our VOUS Church family. It's a space to build real relationships, hear from other leaders, and be refreshed in the calling God has placed on your life.

You'll also hear some exciting updates about the future of our South Miami Building Project, and ways you can continue to be part of what God is building through VOUS.

To RSVP, [click here](#)

When: Thursday, September 25th

Where: VOUS Design District

Time: 7:00AM – 8:30AM

Address: 77 NE 40th St, Miami, FL 33137

Preview Day at VOUS College

Step into the VOUS College experience for a day designed just for you. This is a moment for you to get a firsthand look at what it's like to be a VOUS College student. Meet our staff, connect with current students, explore ministry tracks, and discover how VOUS College can be the place where you grow in your calling and step into your future.

To register for Preview Day, [click here](#)

Where: VOUS Miami Gardens

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When: Thursday, October 9th

Time: 12:00PM-3:00PM

Address: 17801 NW 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33169