

WHO CAN BE AGAINST US

Romans 8:31-32

May the Lord use these pages to strengthen your faith, sharpen your discernment, and draw you closer to Him.

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Scripture

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In the first eight chapters of Romans, Paul lays out the Gospel, God’s righteousness, God’s wrath on unrighteousness, and the salvation that is available to all. Now he is making a declaration when he asks the question, after everything: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Romans 8 ends with the following verses 38-39

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

For a deeper study, read through the longer passage, Romans 8:28-39.

We can also cross reference these verses from the Old Testament.

Psalm 118:6

“The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”

2 Kings 6:15-16

“When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’ He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’”

From the earliest passages in the Old Testament, to Paul writing to Rome, the conclusion is the same: when God is on your side, nothing more powerful can come against us.

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What it Means

Paul seems to ask a question, in two parts. First, he says “If God is for us...” — but the ‘if’ in Greek is a conditional that comes with an assumption that the answer is ‘yes.’ It could be translated as ‘since God is for us...’ Second, he asks ‘who can be against us?’ Paul isn’t asking if someone will come against us; he’s stating ‘who could ever possibly stand against us’ with God on our side. This isn’t a two-part question that must be answered. This is a rhetorical question used to make a point. And it does, in dramatic fashion!

Paul goes on to say that God did the greatest thing for us. How could we expect Him to deny us lesser provisions?

WORD STUDY

The word ‘for’ (If God is **for** us) in Greek is **huper** (hoop-er’) and it means ‘on behalf of’ or ‘for the sake of.’ It is translated in other passages as ‘above’ and ‘for the sake of.’ Paul is saying that God is your advocate, your protector.

The word ‘spare’ in Greek is **pheidomai** (fi’-dom-ahee). It means to keep from harm. God did not ‘keep His Son from harm’ — He did the opposite. He gave up His Son for us.

Finally, the Greek word for ‘graciously give’ is **charizomai** (khar-id’-zom-ahee). It means to ‘grant as a favor.’ Not because the recipient earned it, but because of the generosity of the giver.

Read the verse again, slowly. If you have time, read the longer passage.

God is in your corner. He gave His most precious Son for you. We do not need to worry whether He will be there for us through our earthly trials.

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Discern the Truth

Worry comes when we feel like we’re alone in our struggles. Worry comes when we feel like nobody will help us. Worry comes when we don’t trust the world around us. But, Paul tells us that God is with us, that God has our back. And, what could possibly be more than God can handle?

Paul presents the evidence. God gave His own Son for you. Not because you earned it. Not because you deserve it. Simply because He loves you. If He loves you that much, then there is nothing that He wouldn’t do for you.


That doesn’t mean that He will make your life easy, shower you with riches or even that He will stop every fall before it happens. It does mean that, as a good father, He will have your back as you’re picking up the pieces, as you’re facing the demons, as you’re walking through the fire.

It isn’t always easy to understand why there are tough times. And, it can be hard to see God when we’re buried in the details of whatever problem is upon us. There will always be rough times. But, there is nothing bigger than God. And, like a good father, God will never abandon you.

What you have with God on your side is mightier than anything this world can throw at you. Do not worry. Be **Safe in Christ**.

If God has already given the greatest thing, He will not withhold what you need to get through anything.

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Observe & Apply

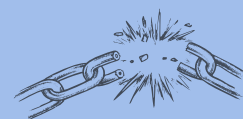
The theme of Volume 2: Do Not Worry. We say: Give it to God; Pray; Have faith; and put your trust in God. But when the going gets tough, remember that God is on your side and nothing is bigger than that. That is Paul’s message.

- Does God’s willingness to give His own Son provide comfort to you that He will not withhold what you need, when you need it?

- Is there a struggle right now that is getting the best of you? What changes when you remember that God is on your side? Is it possible that the struggle you’re going through is part of God’s plan?
 - God has a plan for you. We sometimes start to give up on God and worry when things aren’t happening on our timeline. Sit with this for a moment — do you recognize that He is working in your life, even during the struggle?

 - If you can change your perspective and recognize God’s timing, would others see God working in your life?

When we rely on God’s grace to get us through our struggles, we begin to see the work He is doing. If God is for us — and He is — then nothing we face has the final word. God has the final word.



I launched EnsnaredLife.com with a desire to curate honest, truth-telling content alongside simple, purposeful things that strengthen a woman’s walk with Christ or just add a little sunshine into the day. I am not a theologian or a professional blogger. I just wanted to learn something new while seeking wisdom and discernment every single day.

I value any time when I can sit alone, or in a small group, and study God’s word, but I really wanted something that I could truly grab onto — something deeper than a quick devotional, more meaningful than what’s usually on the shelf, yet still doable in the middle of real life. Most of all, I wanted it to be honest, without watering down or ignoring hard truths.

After much prayer about where to take this project, these **Daily Moments of Discernment** are the result. I pray that these short, standalone moments point you straight back to Scripture and help you live **Safe in Christ** — free from the snares that easily entangle us (Proverbs 29:25).

Thank you for supporting this project and thank God for the inspiration to create it.

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