2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—DAY 2

Discussion Guide July 23, 2017

"God Is For You"

Romans 8:31—"If God is for us, who can ever be against us."

Romans 8:28-39 (NIV84) - 28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who diedmore than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ 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.

Sermon Outline

I. The Love of God for the Son

II. The First Occurrence of Love in the Bible

III. Since God

<u>1 John 4:8; 16</u>—8for God is love. 16God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

<u>John 3:35</u>— The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.

John 5:20 — For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

Isaiah 53:4 — Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:10 — But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,

<u>Romans 3:25</u> — whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.

<u>Acts 4:27–28</u>— "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.



Discussion Questions

- 1. Describe love as defined from the Bible?
- 2. Why would God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac as an offering?
- 3. What is the significance in Old and New Testament as God revealing his name as "The LORD Who Provides" (Gen 22)?
- 4. Talk through some of the truths in Romans 8 that are all promises for Jesus' followers? Which ones speak to you the most? Why?
- 5. What are some things that attempt to diminish our hope in Christ? How do we fight against them?

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<u>1 John 4:10</u> — In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

<u>Matthew 28:20</u>—and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

<u>Hebrews 13:5</u> — Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"

<u>Isaiah 41:10</u>— 'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

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