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<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response 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 gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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.

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<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.

## In what ways can we be confident in God's love?

He works all things for our good
 We aren't an afterthought
 God is for us
 Suffering can't separate us from God's love
 We win
 Nothing can separate us from the love of God

#### 1. He works all things for our good

<u>8:28</u>, <sup>28</sup> 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.

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"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart... - <u>Jeremiah 1:5</u>

<u>Ephesians 1:4-5</u> <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

[Jesus said,] <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. – John 14:2-3

#### 3. God is for us !

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Rev. 12:10 "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

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Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Heb. 13:5-6 …"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

<u>2 Cor. 1:3-4</u> <sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles...

#### <u>5. We win</u>

## <u>8:37</u> ... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

[Jesus said,] "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

#### <u>5. We win</u>

**Isaiah 41:10-11** <sup>10</sup> So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. <sup>11</sup> "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.

#### <u>6. Nothing can separate us from God's love</u>

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