

God's Loving Plan

Out in the Deep End

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Romans 8:28-30

- “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

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God has a plan for your life:

- God's plan is to make you like Jesus, if you love God. The plan is determined. It will not be thwarted.
- Whatever comes your way, God can redeem to make you more like Jesus. He doesn't send everything that comes your way. Everything that comes your way is not good. But, God can redeem everything to make you more like Jesus. That's God's plan for your life. Those who love Him will be like Him.

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God has a plan for your life:

- Those who love Him will be like Him. When we see Him face to face, we will be like Him. (e.g., sickness – my friends; sin & temptation – we will be like Him in the fruit of the Spirit)
- God has a plan for your life: Those who love Him will be like Him. It is a certainty.
- So what? How shall we respond to this?

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Romans 8:31-32

- “What then shall we say to these things? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”
- If God gave us Jesus, he isn’t holding back on us. When bad things happen we feel like God is against us. (deep water)

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Romans 8:33-34

- “Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.” (labels)

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Romans 8:35-39

- “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 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.”

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God’s Loving Plan:

- *God has a plan for your life: Those who love Him will be like Him. But, God’s plan isn’t just for heaven!*
- *We can overcome anything that comes our way, if we hold on to the love of God that holds on to us.* Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (kids struggle; economic hardship; failure; our past) (pushed)

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