



Romans 8:31 - 39
Unconquerable Love | May 18th - 24th, 2014

Warm-up: In what ways have you seen the support, love, and encouragement (or lack thereof) affect the level of confidence and security a child possesses?

- The big idea from Sunday’s message might be summarized as: *Living in God’s unconquerable love leads to a place of victorious living.* Read **Romans 8:31-34** aloud.
 - What are the “wonderful things” Paul has in mind **v.31**?
 - If you are *in Christ*, God is for you. Do you sometimes struggle to believe this? Why?
- In what sense does Paul mean that nothing can come against us (**v.32**)? Commenting on this verse John Chrysostom, an early church father, said:

“Yet those that be against us, so far are they from thwarting us at all, that even without their will they become to us the causes of crowns, and procurers of countless blessings, in that God’s wisdom turneth their plots unto our salvation and glory. See how really no one is against us!”

 - How have you seen this to be true?
- Accusations and condemnations (from within or without) have no control over us! On what basis is this true? (see **v.33** and **34**)
- Read **Romans 8:35-39** aloud. In reference to **v.35-37** one commentator wrote: “Far from weakening the bonds of love, trouble and hardship strengthen them. Persecution drives the true believer to the arms of the one who knows from experience the full range of suffering.”
 - Do you agree that trouble and hardship can actually serve to strengthen the bonds of love between the Lord and us? How so?
- In light of God’s unconquerable love, Seth asked everyone to consider the following question: *What are you tempted to believe can separate you from God’s love?* Process and pray through your responses to this question.

Wrap-up: Security. Joy. Peace. The Spirit’s empowerment. Each of these (and much more) flows from an unshakable confidence in God’s unconquerable love. Pray that everyone in your group would know and experience this love in the coming week!