

# I HAVE DECIDED

## DAY 4 Romans 8:28-30 focusing on God's Sovereignty.

Do you believe Paul's words here? Remember a time when God worked out something better in the end when you thought it was a disaster while it was happening. Maybe a relationship or job that you lost so that God could give you something better. Now, think about someone who is struggling with understanding their circumstances and plan to reach out to them this week. Pray for them specifically today.

## DAY 5 Read Romans 8:31-39 focusing on Being God's inseparable love.

Paul was clear that absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love. What thing have you allowed to, or thought was, separating you from God's love? A past sin? A current vice? How can we remind ourselves that once we belong to the family that nothing can take us out? Pray that God strengthens your faith in His power to keep you connected to His power.



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## HE STILL \* HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

### “Our Hope is God’s Love for Us” Romans 8:18-39

*“Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord,  
for our **hope** is in you alone.” Psalm 33:22 NLT*

### What or whom you are hoping in determines your ability to maintain hope.

*“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*  
Romans 8:38-39 NLT

How to remain hopeful in a  
hopelessly broken world...

## 1. The world is irredeemably broken and groaning because of sin

*“Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from **death and decay.**”*

Romans 8:20-21 NLT

*“For we know that all creation has been **groaning** as in the **pains of childbirth** right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from **sin and suffering.** We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.”*

Romans 8:22-23 NLT

## 2. We have been invited to lean our ladders against God’s love for us.

Love was demonstrated in history when God’s Son died for your sin and secured you a spot in the family.

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

John 3:16 NTV

*“Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?”*

Romans 8:32 NTV

## 3. Either we move our Hope or we lose our Hope.

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Romans 8:38-39 NTV

## DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE \_\_\_\_\_ May 1-7, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. **We are Better Together!**

### DAY 1 Read Romans 8:18-23 focusing on the condition of the earth.

Write out what Paul was trying to convey to his readers/listeners as he was focusing on the completely irredeemable condition. Paul paints a very bleak and depressing picture of a hopeless and lost world. What was your life like before you heard about Jesus? Do you often feel hopeless and struggle for purpose? Pray for spiritual understanding.

### DAY 2 Read John 3:16,17 and focus on God’s extending love to the World .

Think about Easter that we celebrated a few weeks ago. The hope we have is based on Jesus’ resurrection. Do you remember the first time you heard about Jesus? How does your faith help you have hope when things seem hopeless? How can your story of finding hope help someone else overcome hopelessness? Pray for someone who does not know about Jesus and the hope He brings.

### DAY 3 Read Romans 8:25,26 focusing having patience for the future.

After Paul explains how the world is completely and utterly broken, Paul speaks about how we need to have hope and patience. Do you have patience? Do you remember a time when you didn’t even have the words to pray and needed the Holy Spirit to intercede on your behalf? Pray that God gives us strength in the middle of our weakness. →