

What You Need to Know on the Worst Day of Your Life

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Romans 8:28-39

I have a dear friend who is a brilliant psychiatrist. He used to head up the department of psychiatry at the College of Medicine in Ohio State, but he then got a chaired position at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. About a year ago, my friend was doing some work at home, and he suddenly found that he couldn't move his left arm and his face began to droop. He also found that his vision was becoming blurry. Because he's a doctor, he thought he was having a stroke. After much testing, my friend was told that he has an inoperable brain tumor. What do you need to know when you get news like that?

I have another dear friend whose wife experienced several miscarriages. They previously had a daughter, and were desperately trying to have another child. After much prayer, my friend's wife became pregnant, and they had a beautiful baby boy. They loved that little boy, but even more so because it took 10 years to conceive him. One evening, my friend's little boy, who was then three and a half, felt sick. So, Dad stayed up with him. They were sitting on the bed together when his son suddenly slumped over. He thought perhaps his little boy had fallen asleep, but when he tried to rouse him, he couldn't. A virus had jumped to this little boy's heart, and at age three and a half, he died. It was the worst day of my friend's life. What do you need to know on the worst day of your life?

I could multiply examples as many of us probably could, regarding friends and family members who experienced the sudden loss of a spouse, the discovery of terrible betrayal by a spouse or a family member - others who lost children or had someone close to them commit suicide. And of course, some of us have personally experienced assaults, childhood abuse, terrible diagnoses, the loss of loved ones. So I ask again, what do you need to know on the worst day of your life?

We've been going through a series from the book of Romans since this church started back in January. As you will recall, Romans was written by the Apostle Paul. Scholars tell us that this letter to the Romans was probably written in the spring of 57 AD. Just seven years later, in 64 AD, there was a catastrophic fire that burned the city of Rome for 6 days and 7 nights. This fire destroyed or severely damaged 10 of the city's 14 districts. The fire's origin was disputed from the start, but a rumor spread that the emperor Nero was responsible for starting the fire in order to clear space for his enormous building project which was a vast palace complex that he subsequently built on the cleared land. Because suspicion fell on the emperor Nero, he needed a scapegoat. What Nero decided to do was to focus blame on a small group of people who were politically powerless: the same Roman Christians who had received this letter from Paul seven years before.

So what did Nero do? His troops went out and began to arrest Christians. These arrests led to torture, which resulted in discovering other Christians. Christians were convicted, not of arson, but of hatred of the human race. And as a result of their supposed hatred

of the human race, Roman Christians were executed in the most horrible ways. Some were sewn into animal skins and thrown to dogs to be torn apart. Other Christians were crucified. Worst of all, some Christians were covered with tar, tied to poles, and set on fire to be human torches to illuminate Nero's garden parties at night.

The Apostle Peter was killed during these mass executions. There's very good evidence that Peter was crucified upside down on what we call Vatican Hill now, where St. Peter's Cathedral, or the Vatican is located. The Apostle Paul, who wrote this letter to the Romans was beheaded on the Ostian way. I have visited the exact spot outside the city of Rome where church tradition tells us the Apostle Paul was beheaded.

As these Christians faced this terrible outbreak of violence and persecution, what did they need to know? I think prophetically, by the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul was led to write the words that we're going to read today so that these Christians could face the horrible tortures that were coming their way. And I think by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, these words were written for us as well. Because, in this fallen world, every one of us is going to face some very dark days. So, as we prepare our hearts through the reading of God's word, I want you to hold this question before you: What do you need to know on the worst day of your life? Let's pray.

SLIDE #1 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 image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn

among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

SLIDE #2 ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? 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 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. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

SLIDE #3 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. [Romans 8:28-39, NIV]

I want to set the context for the text we just read. The broader context is that Romans 8:28-39 forms a kind of bookend to the argument that Paul began in Romans chapter 5, specifically that we Christians can be completely certain of our salvation. In other words, God will never let you go. When he takes hold of your life, he's got you. He will hold you fast, never let go. Nothing will ever separate you from God's love. That's a promise that the apostle Paul began with, as I said, in Romans 5 and he bookends it with the argument here in Romans 8. We'll consider this more thoroughly in just a moment.

The immediate context are the verses right before Romans 8:28 in Romans 8:18-27. The Apostle Paul was talking about where we live right now. And where we live right now is between the first coming and second coming of Christ, or what Paul calls "the groaning of creation." We looked at that last week. In this fallen world, we are groaning. And the Apostle Paul says further that the Holy Spirit is groaning, but he particularly focuses upon creation's groaning. Right now, we are part of the groaning of creation. And when we experience this groaning, when we go through severe trials, when we go through the worst day of our lives, what do we need to know?

Let's read verse 28 again,

SLIDE # 4 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. [Romans 8:28, NIV]

A picture that comes to my mind that I've thought of many times, whenever I think about what we need to know in terrible moments of our lives. Many years ago, before Marlene and I had children, we decided that we were going to camp on a beach in the Outer Banks. We were doing tent camping, and we thought, "Wouldn't it be great to wake up to the sound of ocean waves in the morning?" We could experience the ocean breeze. Wouldn't it be romantic to sleep together on a beach?

So, we drove to the Outer Banks, and I tried to set up our little tent. I don't know if you've ever tried to camp on a beach, but I discovered that tent pegs don't stay in the sand. It's not like camping at a campground where you pound your tent peg in and it stays fixed. I set up the tent and put the tent pegs in and the least breeze blew the tent over. So I tried to put the pegs at an angle, and they still wouldn't stay. I tried everything I knew to do. I even tried to get rocks to sit on the tent pegs. But nothing worked. Finally, I said to Marlene "Come on, we'll just get in the tent and our weight will hold the tent down. She said to me, "I'm not getting in that tent. We'll be blown all over the beach at night." I didn't know what to do. Then I saw a much smarter person than me down the beach, putting up their tent. I went over to them and asked, "How are you doing that? How are

you getting the tent pegs to stay?" And this guy said, "Oh, you can't just use regular tent pegs."

He had these huge plastic pegs that stuck in the ground. And I said, "Oh, okay. Where do you get those?" And he said, "There's a shop right over there that sells tent pegs." And so I set it up and it was just great. When the wind is wailing and you feel like your tent is going to be blown over, you need some tent pegs to hold your life down. In Romans 8:28, the Apostle Paul gives us four firm convictions we can hold onto, four tent pegs we can pound into the ground of our souls so that no matter what happens, we are not going to be completely blown away. On the worst day of your life, there are four firm convictions you need to know.

SLIDE #5 **Four firm convictions**

So here's the first thing that you need to know, no matter what happens.

The Apostle Paul says that we know

SLIDE # 6 **God is at work.**

There are lots of things we don't know. We don't know everything that God is up to. We don't know why someone would go through a miscarriage or why this cancer developed or why a loved one suddenly died. We don't know those things. We're not in the signal box with God and we ought not to pretend that we know more than we do. Sometimes Christians speak with such certainty about what God is up to on the earth today or what

God is up to in our lives. We don't know so many things. It's good to often shrug our shoulders and say, "I just don't know."

Very often we receive such unhelpful advice from well-meaning friends and well-meaning pastors who tell us that this is what God is doing and that's what God is doing, but they don't know. While we don't know everything, we do know some things. And one thing that we know is that God is at work. You can always say, "I don't know exactly why this is happening, but I know God is at work. He's not too busy working on something more important. God is not asleep. God has not left me alone to figure all of this crisis by myself. My God, who is good and who loves me, who is all powerful and all wise - my God is at work." That's the first thing.

The second firm conviction that you need to know on the worst day of your life is that

SLIDE # 7 God is at work for the good.

It's not just that God is busy doing something. No, God is busy doing good in your life. And we'll discuss in a moment what the good is. We find in verses 29 and 30, a clear definition of what the good is and what it's not. But, God is always at work, expressing his good character. Here's what we read in Psalm 119, verse 68.

SLIDE # 8 You are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees. [Psalm 119:68, NIV]

And here is what we read in Psalm 145:9.

SLIDE # 9 The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. [Psalm 145:9, NIV]

No matter what you go through, friend, you need to remember who God is. He's not cruel. He's not a cosmic torturer. He is good. So God is at work. And God is at work for the good. That's another stake you can pound into the ground of your soul. And here's the third thing you need to know on the worst day of your life:

SLIDE #10 God is at work for the good in all things.

God is at work for the good in all things. Now we need to be very careful here. The Apostle Paul does not say that all things are good. He is not Pollyannish. He's not saying, being raped is somehow good. Cancer isn't good. Bankruptcy or being sued isn't good. The loss of a child isn't good. Murder isn't good. Being slandered isn't good. Having your house broken into isn't good. Getting in a terrible car accident isn't good. What the Apostle Paul is asserting is something different. He's not saying that the thing itself, whatever you go through, is good. He's saying rather that God works for our good

in all things. Even on the worst day of our lives, God is still at work for the good - even in suffering. I haven't been abandoned. I haven't been forgotten. God is not turning a blind eye to what it is that you're going through. In everything, and I mean literally everything that you may ever encounter, God is at work for the good.

And here is the fourth conviction, the fourth tent peg:

SLIDE # 11 God works all things for the good of those who love him, for those who are called according to his purpose.

The Bible doesn't promise that God works for the supreme good of everyone. The Bible does say that there is a great separation. For many folks, especially in today's world where acceptance is our highest value, any suggestion that someone may not be accepted in the end by God is considered to be an intolerable thought. But, the Bible doesn't say that everyone will ultimately be embraced by the love of God. It doesn't say that the rapist who doesn't repent, the spouse abuser who doesn't repent, the dictator who doesn't repent will still be embraced by God's love in the end.

There is a great separation. Those who don't want God, and who will not surrender to the rule of God, won't get God in the end. God doesn't force the good on those who don't want it. God doesn't coerce people to be embraced by him when people are giving God

the stiff arm. In the book, *The Great Divorce*, my favorite Christian author, C.S. Lewis, wrote this:

SLIDE # 12 There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, “Thy will be done,” and those to whom God says in the end, “Thy will be done.”

But that immediately raises a problem for us. We know that we don't love God the way we should. The weakness of our love for God might lead to the thought that perhaps God will reject us in the end. The reason why this terrible thing has happened is because I don't love God with my whole heart and soul and mind and strength. How can I be confident that God is at work in my life for the good? My confidence is not in myself. And your confidence can never be in yourself. Our entire confidence on the worst day of our lives must be entirely in God - his committed love for us.

That's what the Apostle Paul is getting at in verses 29 and 30. Let's look at those verses.

SLIDE #13 ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. [Romans 8:29-30, NIV]

On the worst day of our life, along with these four firm convictions, we need to have

SLIDE #14 One great affirmation: Our entire salvation from first to last is because of God.

What the Apostle Paul is saying in verse 29 is, “Let me tell you what the good is that God promises to those who love him in verse 28. “The good” is not necessarily the job that you’ve always wanted. God doesn’t promise that if you love him and pray hard enough, that he will give you the partner of your dreams. God doesn’t promise that you will have a better body than the one you have if you just love him enough. He doesn’t promise that you’ll get a better grade or get into a better school or have a better love life if you just love him a little more.

What is “the good?” The good defined by verses 29 and 30 is our ultimate salvation and indeed, the salvation of all creation. He grounds this promise, not in our activity, but in his activity. What I need to know on the worst day of my life is that God is at work accomplishing this great golden chain of salvation for us: foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification. Our experience of the good depends wholly on the activity of God. Some people struggle with that. They say, “How is it that God would, from first to last, save me? Surely I must make some contribution.

Surely I must add something to what Christ has done to get me into God's kingdom."

And the answer is, no, we must receive salvation. We must surrender to God's love. But the gift of our ultimate good, being conformed to the image of Christ and spending eternity being embraced by the love of God and being with those who love God, is entirely due to God from first to last.

What all this discussion of God's sovereignty in your salvation means is that on the worst day of your life, you need to know that everything good in your life depends on God. Don't ever become self-dependent. Realize that any success you have ever enjoyed has always depended on God.

Our ultimate salvation depends on God from first to last. In the same way, every other good thing that we've ever had has depended on God. James says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights." Friends, terrible times are not a time for bitterness. Don't add to your problems by adopting an attitude that says, "I deserve better than this, or more than this, or different than this" - the idea that you or I are owed something. So many folks, when they go through hard times, they say "If God is going to treat me this way, then I'm not going to honor him." On the worst day of your life, don't add to your suffering by turning away from the Lord.

I was reading the other day the story of King Ahaz in 2 Chronicles. He was a terrible king. He sacrificed to idols. He even sacrificed some of his own children to the false gods of Canaan. But when he was attacked by his enemies, you know what he did? He did the stupidest thing anybody could do. He locked the doors of the temple and kept people from seeking God. The worst thing we can do, especially during hard times, is to turn away from God.

Like Job, our attitude always must be, "the Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." We don't deserve anything good in our lives. We can say to ourselves with all certainty, "I didn't deserve the success that I enjoyed in the past. I didn't deserve a great marriage for all those years, and now that my spouse is gone, or my ministry is gone, or my job is gone, how is it that I could get bitter? It was all a gift. The fact that I was able to walk, or see, or have my mind for all those years - were all gifts from the Lord." Don't add to your pain by becoming independent from God, who is the source of all that is good, or believing the lie that you know better than God what the good is. On the worst day of our lives, we know that everything we have ever enjoyed, and, indeed, our entire salvation from first to last is from God.

SLIDE # 15 One unshakeable truth: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Two times in this text, we can imagine the Apostle Paul, almost shouting this great truth as he dictated this letter to his secretary, who we find out at the end of Romans is a man named Tertius. In verse 35, the Apostle Paul asks the question

SLIDE # 16 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Romans 8:35a, NIV]

And then in verses 38 and 39, Paul repeats this unshakeable truth when he writes:

SLIDE #17 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. [Romans 8:38-38, NIV]

Paul's point is that when you experience the worst day of your life, every foundation that we ever try to stand on will eventually give way. The only thing that will never let you down is God's love revealed in the cross of Christ. Friends, we're going to be disappointed by everything else. Think about this with me. Our virtue or someone else's virtue will let us down. What do I mean by that? Think about pastors or Christian leaders that you have respected. Then you discover that this person that you put on a pedestal was having an affair. Or something comes out that they were involved in some shocking behavior. What do you do when a Christian leader disappoints you? Do you say, "This

Christianity thing is all just a big fraud! Everyone is a fake. Everyone is a hypocrite. I'm just going to deconstruct my faith and get really cynical.”

Or, let's turn the disappointment on ourselves. What do you do if the worst day of your life is the result of your own lack of virtue, your own morals letting you down, when you find yourself betraying what you have professed to believe? Maybe like Peter, you find yourself distancing yourself from Christ, or worse - denying Christ - or behaving in some shocking way and being exposed - or being sued for divorce because of your own failures. What do you do if the worst day of your life is the consequence of your own stupid choices?

The Apostle Paul says everything in this world will let us down. Our circumstances will let us down. Coworkers will let us down. The church we belong to may let us down. We will let ourselves down. And even if we're not let down, everything in this world is subject to loss - our loved ones - through either death, or some conflict or some misunderstanding, or just moving away from us. Guaranteed, we're going to lose loved ones. Our possessions will be lost through inflation or fraud or bad investments. Our mental acuity will be lost through old age or dementia. Even our very lives will be lost when we return to the dust from which we come.

Brothers and sisters, here is an absolute truth that all of history testifies to. In the end, you and I will lose everything in this world. The Bible tells us this over and over again, but we don't want to listen. We don't want to hear it. The Apostle Paul says, in 1 Timothy 6:7,

SLIDE #18 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. [1 Timothy 6:7, NIV]

So is there anything that we can count on on the worst day of our lives? Is there anything that won't give way? Is there anything we will never lose? The Apostle Paul says there is one thing. The one thing you can never lose, the one thing that will never disappoint you is God's love revealed to us in Jesus Christ and the cross. I think of the hymn titled, "He Will Hold Me Fast," that goes like this:

SLIDE # 19 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold; Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast

SLIDE # 20 He will hold me fast; He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so; He will hold me fast

No matter how awful things are for us, and no matter how awful we may behave, God's love in Christ will win out. You only have to read the book of Hosea to see that God's love is stronger than anyone's unfaithfulness. Even Hosea's wife, who gave herself to adultery and was being sold into prostitution - God tells Hosea to go buy her back and to recommit to her.

God is telling us something about himself in that prophetic action. "I will not let you go. My love is stronger than your unfaithfulness." Because we struggle to believe this, the Apostle Paul defiantly asks five questions that have no answers. It's like he's throwing down the gauntlet. In medieval times, a knight would take off his heavy iron glove that was called a gauntlet, and throw it at the feet of an enemy, challenging the enemy to a duel. With these

SLIDE # 21 Five unanswerable questions.

Paul is saying, "I dare you to come up with any answer to my questions. I'm throwing down the gauntlet, and I challenge you." Or to change the metaphor, it's like with each question, Paul is screwing the screw of God's unchangeable love deeper and deeper into our hearts. This one unshakeable truth - that no matter what, nothing can separate me from God's love - can never be pulled out of my heart.

So what are the five questions? First, verse 31

SLIDE # 22 [Since] God is for us, who can be against us? [Romans 8:31b, NIV]

Of course, we have lots of opponents in this life. People can slander us. Trusted friends can betray us. Death is still an enemy. Our own flesh opposes us, and the powers of hell can all be unleashed against us, but God's love is victorious overall of this. Why can we count on God's love? Because Paul says omnipotent God is for us. It doesn't matter who opposes us. It doesn't matter what opposes us. Since God is for us, every force against us is irrelevant.

And in verse 32, Paul asked the second unanswerable question. He turns the screw one more giant turn.

SLIDE # 23 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? [Romans 8:32, NIV]

The “all things” that are promised us in verse 32 don't necessarily include material prosperity. I wish it did. Christ died for me, and that means I'm a king's kid, and I can name and claim everything. Nope. Sorry, that's not true. The “all things” promised us in

verse 32 doesn't necessarily include a happy marriage or getting into the college of your choice or having successful, healthy children.

What is being promised by guaranteeing us all things? The Apostle is talking about all things necessary for our salvation, from our initial calling to our final glorification. The "all things" are the "all things" mentioned in verses 29 and 30. All things include the grace necessary to persevere through the worst days of our lives. The "all things" include the Holy Spirit's presence. The "all things" include God's promise to keep us. If Christ died for you, He will give you all things. You cannot lose the love of Christ.

Here's the third unanswerable question. Verse 33.

SLIDE # 24 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. [Romans 8:33, NIV]

What is Paul saying here? He's saying no prosecution against us will be successful. Whether the prosecution comes from our own consciences shouting at us when we wake up in the middle of the night - when we feel condemned and ashamed. "You are such a failure." Sometimes that voice inside says, "You're such a hypocrite!" Or some demonic power whispers in your ear, "You will not be received by God. God couldn't love someone like you, not after what you have done, not after what you said, not after what you neglected to do." The Apostle Paul responds to all of these accusations, "Brothers and sisters, speak to your heart. Tell your condemning heart that the fix is in. The judge

is your Heavenly Father.” And if that wasn't enough, your Heavenly Father has been paid to decide in your favor by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Turning the screw a fourth time, so that the unshakeable truth of God's unfailing love can't get out of your heart, the Apostle asks in verse 34,

SLIDE #25 Who then is the one who condemns? [The answer is] 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. [Romans 8:34, NIV]

Why is there no condemnation? Because Christ died. God has already condemned your sins in the humanity of Christ. We are not cursed, because here's the good news: Jesus Christ was cursed for us.

Not only that, but Christ was raised from the dead. God accepted Christ's sacrifice as the full payment of our sins. And if that wasn't enough, Christ is right now at God's right hand praying for you and praying for me. And we know that Christ prays perfectly in accordance with the will of God the Father, and so his prayers are always answered.

Finally, Paul turns the screw of God's unfailing love one more giant turn in our hearts with his fifth question in verse 35:

SLIDE #26 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? [Romans 8:35, NIV]

Then in verses 35-37, Paul mentioned seven things that might separate us from Christ's love: bad circumstances, bad people, running out of money, martyrdom, attacks, nakedness, danger. But he says in all these things, we're more than conquerors. And here's the climax of Paul's argument in verses 38 and 39:

SLIDE # 27 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. [Romans 8:38-39, NIV]

The Apostle Paul says, I am convinced, or better, I have become convinced, through my life, and what I've been through. Listen, the Apostle Paul is not some armchair theologian writing this stuff while he's drinking his latte in the faculty lounge of Harvard. He knows what he's talking about. He himself has been persecuted and beaten. He's

been left for dead. He's been imprisoned for years. He went through shipwrecks. He had multiple worst days of his life. Paul says, "I became convinced through what I've been through that nothing can separate us from Christ's love." Nothing can, and nothing will, ever get between Jesus and you. And nothing can and nothing will ever get between Jesus and me.

- Not the crisis of death or the calamities of life.
- Not any spiritual power, either good or bad.
- Not the passage of time nor the distance of space.
- Nothing in the heavens above or the hell below, or the earth in between.
- Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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