

EASTER: Unbreakable Love

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Romans 8:35-39

35Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor 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.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. This passage has been read at many funerals. Why might this passage be uniquely comforting and encouraging to those going through grief?
3. Even if nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ, there are experiences that can make us feel separated, distant, and alone. What might some of those be? Have you ever felt spiritually separated, distant, or alone? What was that like?
4. How might the church be driven by this "victorious love" to minister to people experiencing spiritual separation, distance or loneliness?
5. How have you experienced the unifying, healing, or strengthening power of love in your life?

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