

PERSONAL CRISIS

A Guiding Word

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SHARE



Share about a difficult time in your life? Who supported you?

Share about a time when you supported someone who was experiencing a life change. What did you do?

READ



Romans 8:35, 37

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

TALK



The default position of the human heart is this: God loves me because of what I do and how I live my life. This is why in times of crisis we often panic wondering what on earth we did to deserve such difficult circumstances. The LORD on the other hand says, 'Hey, expect difficulties – not smooth sailing. You're going to go through fierce storms...but I have something that will anchor your heart no matter how big the waves appear.'

He even takes it further by saying that in Jesus' cosmic scale love; through all He has carried for you on the cross and having given you all things through His resurrection, you're now a 'super conqueror' – even when your physical eyes can only see the immediate pain you're experiencing.

Romans 8 is saying in big bold letters, God is with you in your deepest, most soul wrenching moments. He won't let you disappear into the pain, He'll meet you right in the midst of it and carry you into the light. The only way that happens is to receive it by faith.

It's not about your goodness. It's not about your past. It's not about you trying a little harder. It's about Jesus Christ and His great love for you even when you're a mess.

- This is such an important message. How can we be sure that the people of our congregation know the great love and forgiveness of Jesus during the difficult or messy times in our lives?
- Is there something you can do?

PRAY



Pray for each other, your congregation and the world.

BLESS



Bless each other with these words: (Name), child of God, nothing can separate you from the love of God. Amen.

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During times of personal crisis, children, young people and their families are supported within an engaging Christian community.

FAITH 5



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