



Devotion for January 19th, 2022

Romans 8:18-39

Today I wanted to actually reflect on the reading from yesterday, Romans 8:18-39. The entire book of Romans is wonderful, but this particular section is full of such sweet comfort for the Christian. I have a personal connection to this passage as well, as the last two verses are my confirmation verses and have brought me great peace over the years.

Suffering is unfortunately prevalent in our broken world. A feeling we can all probably relate to, especially after the last two years. I think everyone can resonate with the ideas of "eagerly longing" and "whole creation has been groaning together."

However, Paul wrote this letter to the Romans thousands of years ago. These things are what he felt the Christians suffering persecution in Rome needed to hear. We can find great hope in the fact that our forefathers in the faith have endured trials as well, but that the word and promises of the Lord remain true throughout all time. Truly nothing can be against us when God is for us.

I hope that you all might be reminded that absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God. Because Christ suffered, died on the cross, and rose again, we have nothing that keeps us apart from God. Not our own sins, not anything this world can throw at us will ever be enough to overpower the forgiveness and love we have been given.

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