

Part One: Wait...You Haven't Seen the Ending? // Jeff Brodie // January 9, 2022

If you've ever started watching a movie halfway through, not only is it almost impossible to figure out what's happening, but it can look like there's no hope for the end. But then you get to the end of the movie, and things resolve...often beautifully. Life is like that because the gospel is like that. God wins in the end. And as hard as that seems to believe, that means he's winning now.

Scripture: Romans 8

Bottom line: Knowing that God wins, in the end, gives you confidence that he's winning now.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What was your favourite movie watched or book read in 2021? Why did this one stand out to you?
- 2. What is the biggest area of uncertainty in your life right now? What emotions are stirred up when you think about that area of your life?
- 3. Read Romans 8:23-25. Why do you think it can be so difficult for you to wait patiently and confidently on God in moments like today?
- 4. Read Romans 8:28-30. Jeff highlighted three truths in these verses that you can hold onto to build your confidence in God:
 - o All your losses will become gains.
 - Your gains cannot be lost.
 - The best is yet to come.

Which one did you resonate with the most? Why?

- 5. Where in your life are you behaving as if God is losing instead of winning in the end? How would it change if instead you behaved based on God's ultimate victory?
- 6. Read <u>Romans 8:31-39</u>. Now read it again, but slowly. Listen for the truth God is telling you in this moment. Make note of that verse and come back to it again when you face the emotions of uncertainty in your day to day.

Moving Forward

This week, focus on step one of resetting for 2022. Read Romans 8:31-39 daily. Take time to read through the verses slowly, like Jeff did in the message. Focus on the truths that you read in each verse to give you confidence that God is winning in your life now.

If you have never made the decision to begin a personal relationship with Jesus before but would like to, share this desire with your small group leader. They would love to pray with you and introduce you to that personal relationship with Jesus.

Changing Your Mind

If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us. 2 Timothy 2:12 NLT