

A piece of white paper with torn edges, featuring the handwritten text "I Can't Believe In a God Who ..." in black ink. The paper is set against a light gray background.

Part 7 :: I Can't Believe in a God... Who Leaves Me Feeling Hopeless

If God is love, why do people often feel so hopeless? Perhaps it's because we tie our hope to circumstances and emotions. God invites us to tie our circumstances to something profoundly different. Even something unshakable.

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39 NLT

Bottom Line: When God says nothing can separate you from his love, he means NOTHING can separate you from his love.

Discussion Questions

1. When have you felt most separated from God's love? What circumstances were you in at the time?
2. Why is allowing circumstances or emotions to determine your security a bad strategy?
3. Verse by verse, explore all the promises Paul makes in Romans 8:31-39. Which speak most personally to you? Why?
4. Do you ever find yourself trying to doubt that NOTHING can separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ? Why?
5. What do you need to do to remind yourself (daily) that NOTHING can separate you, as a Christian, from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord?

Moving Forward

Re-read Romans 8:31-39 and isolate at least one thing listed in those verses that you fear might separate you from the love of God that is in Jesus (even though it can't). Pray about it, and take the time to write down exactly why you are afraid it might separate you from God's love. When the darkness of that lie is exposed to light, it will lose its power.

Changing Your Mind

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love." Romans 8:38 NLT