

“There’s Nothing Left to Say”

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In light of the difficulties and struggles in which we find ourselves, Handley Moule, the Chaplain to Queen Victoria and Edward VII in the early 1900’s said, *“There is no situation so chaotic that God cannot from that situation, create something that is surpassingly good. He did it at the creation. He did it at the cross. He is doing it today.”*

God is always there supporting and caring for us. Psalm 46:1 says, *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”* Each and every Sunday, we begin our service with the words from Psalm 121:1-2, *“I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.”*

Truly, our help does come from the Lord whether we realize it or not! If it hadn’t been for His blessing, we probably would struggle. We have been protected from evil and the evil one and we have been blessed with good things from God!

I believe the Gospel can be proclaimed in 4 small words: GOD IS FOR US! He’s not against us, He’s for us! Turn to Romans 8. In Romans, Paul gives three ways that show God is for us.

God is for us – He gave up His Son for us! Look at verses 31-34, *“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”*

What’s been your greatest gift in life? Wife, job, home, children. It’s easy for us to answer that question as we look at what we have around you. But we need to look beyond the material things and look to the eternal. Listen again to Romans 8:32, *“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Wow! Could God have given us anything better? I don’t think so!*

Listen to 2 Corinthians 8:9, *“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”* Jesus gave up His riches in heaven to become poor for you! And what did that mean for you? II Corinthians 5:21 *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

Jesus never sinned like we do. But God allowed Him to trade places with us on the cross. We deserved to be crucified for our sins. We deserved to make a sacrifice of our lives for our sins, but instead, Jesus took our place on the cross and we took His place being declared righteous before God. Jesus is the one who did it or made it possible. We had nothing to do with it. It’s all because of Him!

God is for us – He graciously gives to us! Verse 32 again, *“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”* Look at Matthew 6. It’s amazing how God, in His love and care, provides for all His creation including us!

Verses 25-26, *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more*

than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" God provides for the birds of the air. They don't worry. God takes care of them. But hasn't He taken even better care of us? We pretty much have it all. Why should we want for more?

Turn back to Romans 8. God is for us – He grants victory over everything! Verses 37-39, *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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."*

What is it that you've been able to conquer because of Jesus Christ? Was it overcoming bad habits, youthful passions, and things like that?

One member told me that they smoked for over 40 years and that quitting was the hardest thing they ever did. But by God's grace, they did quit! What about you? Has the Lord given you victory over anything bad in life? And what about death? You have nothing to fear. You have victory! *"The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!"*

None of us can do what we once did. But we can overcome! How? We can look to the Lord and keep on, keeping on as best we can! When we seek God's help and blessing, we realize something better is coming! We Will Overcome!

The reason He is for us: It's all about love! One day, Charles Spurgeon was walking through the English countryside with a friend. As they strolled along, the evangelist noticed a barn with a weather vane on its roof. At the top of the vane were these words: GOD IS LOVE. Spurgeon remarked that he thought this was a rather inappropriate place for such a message. "Weather vanes are changeable," he said, "but God's love is constant."

"I don't agree with you about those words, Charles," replied his friend. "You misunderstood the meaning. That sign is indicating a truth: Regardless of which way the wind blows, God is love."

God is for you! He always has been and He always will be forever! There's really nothing left to say!