

Our Worst Enemy

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"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Romans 8:38-39 are some of the most well-remembered bible passages. This powerful testimony from Paul speaks for all of us in the family of Christ who find ourselves backed up against a hard surface. Turn around, and we'll find our backs are actually pressed against this awesome big Brother. He's looking over each of us at our enemies reminding them with a look of blazing holy light that they lost this war once and for all. They can't enslave us and they can't keep us. So we can shout these verses of victory with joyful thanksgiving!!

But what about those times we're backed up against nothing coming at us? Like when broken bodies won't follow the orders of untethered minds. Untethered minds don't grab the controls of fickle hearts, or when fickle hearts can't be bothered with the anchor of holy Love. Who needs outside forces pushing against us when we can be our own worst enemies?

Ok go back to that "wall." We're still pressed up against our Kinsman, our all-power big Brother. Turn around, look up and follow those beautiful eyes of molten love as He sinks down to His knees to look directly into our eyes of pain and fear. He gently brushes back the hair falling on our tear streaked faces knowing exactly how many strands He just moved away. His arms embrace our broken bodies to His own that was mutilated by the wounds of sacrifice and raised from death to eternal life. His all-knowing Spirit speaks to our spirits' moans when our minds tangle up all the words. His Love conquered those inner enemies too.

NOTHING can separate us from a God who loves the fearfully wonderfully you and I He deliberately created!

Dearest Abba, thank you for the incredible lengths You have gone through and continue to go through to keep us free from eternal harm. You are in control of everything-You sent your Son, our big Brother to fight and conquer the evil of all time and harness its ability to run unchecked. While it can have a broken and doomed world, it cannot have Your family who lives in it. May your Holy Spirit keep us secure in the knowledge of our protected state to help us fearlessly and joyfully press on no matter what tries to trip us up. Taking each step in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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Prayer: 25. Dearest Comforter of my spirit and Builder of my faith, forgive...

Super Girl: 46. There have been times in my life where I felt completely helpless...

Scripture References: Romans 1:7; Romans 5:8; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1; Romans 14:7; Song of Solomon 3:4; Ephesians 3:19; Philippians 3:3, 8, 12

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