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## REVIEW

- Promise Keeper - Standing on the unchanging character of God
- God doesn't keep promises He didn't make [so what are some of the promises He did make?]
- Last week – He provides all we *need* – not all we want – what we need for a godly life

## PREVIEW

- **Today** – the promise He makes to His people, that *nothing* can separate us from His love
- We experience a lot of hardships in this life but they are not sufficient to keep us from His love
- We need to have regular rhythms of remembering and recentering our lives in His love

## Romans 8:31-39: Nothing can Separate us from His Love

**Romans 8:38-39** *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup>No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.* NLT

### 1. God's Promises come from His Word and His Word is based on Who He is – His Character

Character qualities of the God of the Bible:

- Self-existing – not caused by another; the foundation of all being
- Infinite – unlimited; the completely maximized or actualized Being
- Simple – undivided in being; is not made up of parts
- Immaterial – spirit; not made of matter
- Spaceless – transcends space
- Timeless – transcends time; eternal; had no beginning and will have no end
- Omnipotent – all powerful; can do whatever is logically possible
- Omnipresent – everywhere present
- Omniscient – all knowing; knows all actual and possible states of affairs
- Immutable – changeless; the anchor and standard by which everything else is measured
- Holy – set apart; morally perfect; is perfectly just and loving
- Personal – has mind, emotion and will; makes choices
  - [From Stealing from God by Frank Turek, p. xix]

Malachi 3:6a *"I am the LORD, and I do not change."* NLT

Heb 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* NLT

### 2. All that God is confirms His promise that He loves us and nothing can separate us from His Love

- God loves the whole world – John 3:16
- Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross are the proof of God's love for us – 1 John 4:9-10
- Even when we face difficult times, that does not mean that God doesn't love us – Romans 8:35-37

### 3. Roadblocks to experiencing God's love

- Rejecting God (pride) – Romans 1:18-21
- A variety of circumstances that bring about Doubts
  - Past hurts and wounds // Current trials and tribulations // Guilt and Shame
  - Attacks from the enemy // Misunderstanding of who God is // Misinterpretation of Scripture

#### **4. What helps you remember that God loves you? (Rhythms you keep?)**

- Time in His Word, worship music, talking with other believers, prayer
- Remembering times of His faithfulness and love in the past (Ebenezers – 1 Samuel 7:12)
  - Me – coins in recovery process; back to my conversion (Rev 2:4-5 – my first love)

#### **5. Share His love with those around you**

- We love because He first loved us – 1 John 4:19
- We're to love our enemies (Matt 5:43-48) our neighbors (Matt 22:39) and other believers (1 Jn 4:21)

#### **Practical Application**

1. When you think about God's character, which quality most strengthens your confidence in His love—and why?
2. What life circumstances, past or present, make it hardest for you to believe that nothing can separate you from God's love?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to remind yourself of God's love when doubts or fears arise? (e.g., Scripture memory, worship, sharing testimony)
4. Who in your life needs to experience God's love through you, and what specific action can you take to show it?
5. Looking back, where have you seen God's faithfulness in a way that encourages you to trust His love today?