



**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? **36**

As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[k]</sup> neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** 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.

### Conversation Starters

#### Have someone read verses 31-34

1. Do you tend to think of God as your accuser? Why or why not? Where did this belief come from? Where did you pick it up? What might it look like in your life if you lived as if God is NOT your accuser?

Do you have an accuser in your life? How do you hold on to the truth that God is not your accuser in light of this other accuser?

2. How often do you feel condemned? How often do you condemn yourself? Why?

#### Have someone read verses 35-39

3. When trouble strikes, do you believe God caused it to happen? Do you see it as a sign that God is punishing you or mad at you? What if none of this is true?
4. What do you think of the idea that not even the powers of hell can separate you from God's love? What do you think that means? Do you believe it is true?
5. Overall, how does this particular section of Romans 8 make you feel? Does it free you up to live in grace and love? Does it reduce your sense of fear?