

Upset?	John 14
Weak?	
Lonely?	
Sinned?	
Worrled?	Matthew 8:19-31
Arxious?	Phil. 4:4-9
Unhappy?	Col. 3:12-17
In Danger?	
Depressed?	
Lack of Fath?	
Others Unkind?	John 15
Need Courage?	Joshua 1
Need Direction?	
Seeking Peace?	Matthew 11:25-30
Leaving on a Trip?	Psalm 121
Labeled an Outcast?	
Struggling with Loss?	Luke 15
Struggling Financially?	
Discouraged with Work?	Psalm 126
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# A good friend can't fix all your problems, but they can promise you won't face them alone.

The Problems and The Promises

## Midweek Refuel

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

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# The Great Tug of War

The Bible says that this life will always be one of struggle against an ever-active enemy of God who seeks to separate believers from Him. But the great Apostle Paul offers amazing words of encouragement to you:

• GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE: **Romans 8:31-32** *If God is for us, who can be against us?* Obviously no one can stand against God's plans and purposes for your life.

### God stands for you... Stand in Christ.

- GOD PROTECTS YOUR IDENTITY: Romans 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? By faith, you have been chosen as one of God's. Child of God; Your reputation is secure in His eyes.
- GOD SPEAKS WELL OF YOU: Romans 8:34 It is Christ who died and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

### God believes what Jesus says about you.

• GOD WILL NEVER LET YOU GO: **Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of God? God doesn't let go of anything or anyone that He wants to keep.

### God holds on to you... Hold on to Him.

It is no wonder why we sometimes feel like we are being pulled in two opposite directions. The world system is (for the most part) opposite to God's system. Believer; don't allow the things of this world to separate you from God's plans and purposes.

Blessings, Pastor Gene

### The Problems and The Promises

**Introduction:** The Great Apostle Paul lamented towards the end of his life that he had learned to be full and how to be hungry. Over a lifetime of struggling towards God, Paul writes that there are seasons of harvest and seasons of drought in each life. Paul's experiences serve as encouragement to us who are chasing Heaven while being chased by the world. In Romans Chapter 8, Paul offers an amazing doxology that reveal to us principles of encouragement. Paul writes that for every Problem of life there is a Promise of God:

- Romans 8:18 ... the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with... what shall be revealed in us. SOMETIMES THE SUFFERING GETS HEAVY BUT no matter how difficult life may be, problems are small when compared with what God has for you. When you are at your weakest... God is at His strongest.
- Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. SOMETIMES THE HOPE SEEMS TO FADE BUT keep your hope grounded on what God says about you and your situation and you are certain to persevere.

  Even though God hasn't showed you yet... don't give up hope.
- Romans 8:26 For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us... SOMETIMES THE CONFUSION ENTERS BUT when we don't know which way to go or what to say; God does.

Believer, the Spirit of God is alive in and speaking to you.

• Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God.... SOMETIMES THE DOUBT BEGINS TO GROW BUT: God knows what He is doing and what He is allowing in your life and He can and will make all things work out well for you. Only God can make the worst into the best.

You can be certain that God's ways are not man's ways and His ways are far above ours. You can also rest in the understanding that all of God's motives concerning you have your best interest at heart. When Jesus interacted with His disciples He never promised that they would be immune from problems, but He did promise to be with them through all problems. How amazing it is that Jesus would stand with you when your feet fail and your countenance falls. Believer, there is no Problem that can stand against God's Promises.