



Trailhead of Hope

THE GOODNESS TRAIL SERIES: EPISODE 1 OF 6

Romans 8

If you search for good, you will find favor; but if you search for evil, it will find you! Proverbs 11:27 NLT

A PESSIMIST SEES THE DIFFICULTY IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY; AN OPTIMIST SEES THE OPPORTUNITY IN EVERY DIFFICULTY.

- I'M NOT OPTIMISTIC BASED ON WHAT I **FEEL**.
- I'M OPTIMISTIC BASED ON WHAT **GOD SAYS**.

How foolish you are, how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Didn't Jesus have to suffer these things and then enter His glory? Luke 24:25-26

EIGHT REASONS I'M OPTIMISTIC FROM ROMANS 8

- 1) MY SINS ARE **FORGIVEN** AND MY ETERNITY IS **SECURE**.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ His Son. Romans 6:23

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

- 2) **JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.**

...Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life... Romans 8:34

MAIN IDEA: I **STAY OPTIMISTIC** BECAUSE JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, AND I **BELONG** TO HIM

- 3) MY FUTURE **VICTORY** IS GREATER THAN MY PRESENT **PAIN**.

- 4) MY MIND IS FILLED WITH THE **PEACE** OF GOD.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8:6

IF GOD IS FOR ME, WHO CAN BE AGAINST ME?

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Romans 8:31, 33

- 5) GOD'S SPIRIT HELPS ME IN MY **WEAKNESS**.

- 6) GOD IS WORKING **EVERYTHING** IN MY LIFE FOR **GOOD**.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

- 7) NOTHING CAN SEPARATE ME FROM THE **LOVE OF GOD**.

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

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