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ROMANS 8.28-39

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren: 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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ROMANS 8.28-39 CONT'D

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies: 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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ROMANS 8.28-39 CONT'D

36 Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."
37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Do not be distracted or insecure

PERSEVERANCE

NOT

PRESELECTION

Is the theme of this passage...

AWESOME

God has always had a plan to get us to the

FINISH LINE

Even if that finish line is on the other side of suffering...
(Romans 8.1)

AWESOME

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- the destination is set
- the destination is wonderful
- the destination is secure

God is working for our good even when life is not...

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GOD IS AWESOME

God is a mystery to be "discovered"
NOT "defined".

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GOD IS IN CHARGE

God has chosen not to control *everything* He could control

... Just the *essentials*...

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2850 passengers
1500 crew

WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THESE ARE!

We do not know God's "rule book"
just His "playbook" -- the Scriptures

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GOD IS FOR US

... before He is for Himself



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THEREFORE

- we can trust Him and not be afraid
- we can be confident God is present
- we can be thankful for all good things



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