

Romans 8: 28, 31, 35, 37-39

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. (NLT)

31 So what do you think?
with God on our side like this, how can we lose? (Message)

35 Can any thing separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if
we have trouble or calamity _____
or are persecuted _____
or hungry _____
or or destitute _____
or in danger _____
or threatened with death? _____ (NLT)

37-38 None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us. (Message)

This passage from Romans was written by the Apostle Paul. He wasn't just making this stuff up. Here's a passage from another of his books, II Corinthians that tells about the experiences he had been through and still trusted he couldn't be separated from God's love.

I've worked harder, been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death's door time after time. I've been flogged five times with the Jews thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Romans rods three times, pummeled with rocks once, I've been shipwrecked three times, and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day, in hard traveling year in and year out. I've had to ford rivers, fend off robbers struggle with friends, struggle with foes. I've been at risk in the city, at risk in the country, endangered by the desert sun and sea storms, and betrayed by those I thought were my brothers. I've known drudgery and hard labor, many a long and lonely night without sleep, many a missed meal, blasted by cold, naked to the weather. (Message)