

HE'S STILL* GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

PART 5: WHAT CAN SEPARATE US?

Introduction

Remember when you discovered that your unlimited data plan had limits? When the all-you-can-eat buffet fell short? Disappointing, right? Consequently, we're skeptical of words like "unlimited" and "unconditional." They usually appear right above the fine print that says "terms and limits apply." So, let's be honest. Everything has limits. What are the limits of God's goodness and greatness? When are things so out of control that they are even beyond God's control?

Discussion Questions

1. When was the first time you wondered if there was such a thing as unconditional love?
2. In a world that bases so much on our performance—academics, sports, business, even our marriage & parenting—does you ever feel like you just can't measure up?
3. Is it weird to believe that a perfect God could love your imperfect self... no matter what?
4. What obstacle in your life is most likely to keep you from believing that God is FOR you?
5. Have someone in the group read *Romans 8:35-39*. Why do you think Paul goes to such lengths to make sure we understand that he isn't forgetting anything? That literally nothing can separate us from God's love?
6. What would change in your life if you absolutely believed that nothing could separate you from the Love of God?

Moving Forward

Today you can choose to live in a world of conditional love and limited grace. Or, you can give yourself completely to God and believe that he loves the whole you. If you do, you'll not only experience His love on a new level, but you'll also experience richer relationships as you give yourself to others more freely. When you know that a good and great God loves you unconditionally, it will change your life—now and for eternity. God's love extravagant love gives us hope that He still* has the whole world in His hands. We can anchor our hope in his love.

Changing Your Mind

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31 NIV