



Week 2, Day 1:

READING:

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)

When life is difficult, many of us equate our suffering with God not caring about us or being present with us. God is not absent, apathetic, or angry. We seem to believe that everything should just work out the way we plan. When life doesn't work out as we plan, we compare our lives to those around us. How do you cope when suffering comes into your life? God invites us to lean into Him. He has not left us. He will never leave us or forsake us.

PRAYER:

God, when life does not work out as I plan help me to lean into You as my primary source of comfort and strength. Thank You, that You have not left me or forsaken me. Enable me to feel your presence in times of uncertainty and suffering.

FOR FURTHER STUDY: Read [Lamentations 3](#).

QUESTION TO CONSIDER: In Lamentations, Jeremiah has witnessed the incredible suffering of the children of Israel. How does his honest prayer encourage you in your prayer life?