

## STAY POSITIVE - Part 1 of 5 I'm Optimistic

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

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

## EIGHT REASONS I'M OPTIMISTIC FROM ROMANS 8

1. MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND MY ETERNITY IS SECURE.

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 IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD PRAYING FOR ME.
  - ... Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. -- Romans 8:34
- 3. MY FUTURE **VICTORY** IS GREATER THAN MY PRESENT PAIN.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. --Romans 8:18

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

5. 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

- 6. GOD'S SPIRIT HELPS ME IN MY WEAKNESS.
  - ... Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness... --Romans 8:24-26
- 7. 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

8. 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