



I Need More...SECURITY

Everyone knows disappointment sooner or later. It's that time when the car broke down, when national security was breached, when we lost our job. It's that time when doctors couldn't cure us or our loved ones, our investments disappeared, friends disappointed us, when we disappointed ourselves.

We try to limit disappointment or prevent disappointment from becoming a disaster. We make promises. We buy insurance. We do our homework before making big decisions. We search for what is "guaranteed or your money back." We go to the doctor recommended by trustworthy friends.

What we're really looking for is security. We just want something we can count on; something that is stable; something that is safe and stays that way. But isn't it striking that even with all the protection agencies, certifications, types of insurance, promises, and money-back guarantees in today's world, we're still left searching for more security?

When it comes to things that can threaten our sense of security, the possibilities appear endless. You probably have had that sinking feeling and said to yourself, "There's always something. What am I supposed to do? If it's not one thing, it's another. Either *this* or *that*..."

At such trying times, find strength from these verses in the Bible: "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).

Notice: "neither" *this*, "nor" *that* "will be able to separate us from the love of God..." The love of God is a faithful, stable, and dependable love. And if we want proof of that, we need only consider how God sent his only Son for us. Jesus came and died on the cross, and he rose again. Our sins weren't too much for him to bear. Death itself could not hold him in his grave. Satan could not stop him from carrying out his mission. Many religious leaders hated Jesus. One of his own disciples betrayed him. One denied him. The rest abandoned him. And the vocal majority crucified him. Did any of these prevent Jesus from keeping God's promise to save us? No! God's love prevailed for the whole world, and now whoever believes in Jesus has eternal life!

God's love will never disappoint you. Nothing in all creation can separate you from God and the power of his love in your life. For Jesus came, he died, and he rose again. We have this as our security: God's love is guaranteed.