

# So Loved!!

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## Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

*<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>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.*

Saints, one of the great revelations of my life has been the revelation that no matter what I do, good or bad, it will never cause God to stop loving me. As someone who lived most of my life with low self-esteem, always searching for someone to love me for me, this revelation freed me to be who God purposed for me to be and to stop trying to be who others needed me to be. Maybe this is someone else's story today.

This passage of scriptures let's me know that the kind of love I deserve is one free of condemnation, whether it is self-condemnation or from others who really don't know who I am. The devil will have us believe that we are nothing and have no value in this world because of our past, current or future shortcomings. Can I tell you that the devil is a liar and this scripture proves that.

I encourage those who struggle with low self-esteem, self-condemnation, or anything else that tells your mind that you are not worthy of love, to focus on this scripture. Meditate on it day and night. Do not let it leave your thoughts until it is buried in the depths of your heart.

Jesus said in John 8:36 (NIV) "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." As believers Jesus already set us free from anything that would keep us in bondage. Free your mind and know that God's unconditional love will never cease. Once we grasp hold of this, we then can begin to live life more abundantly.

My sisters and brothers, we are so loved by God!!!