

# ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

## Be Strong in the Lord

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;  
your mighty Defender is always the same.

Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending;  
Victory is sure when you call on His name.

***Refrain:*** Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and be of good courage for He is your guide.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the Victory is yours.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided,  
and place your defense in His unfailing care.

Trust Him for He will be with you in battle,  
lighting your path to avoid every snare.

***Refrain***



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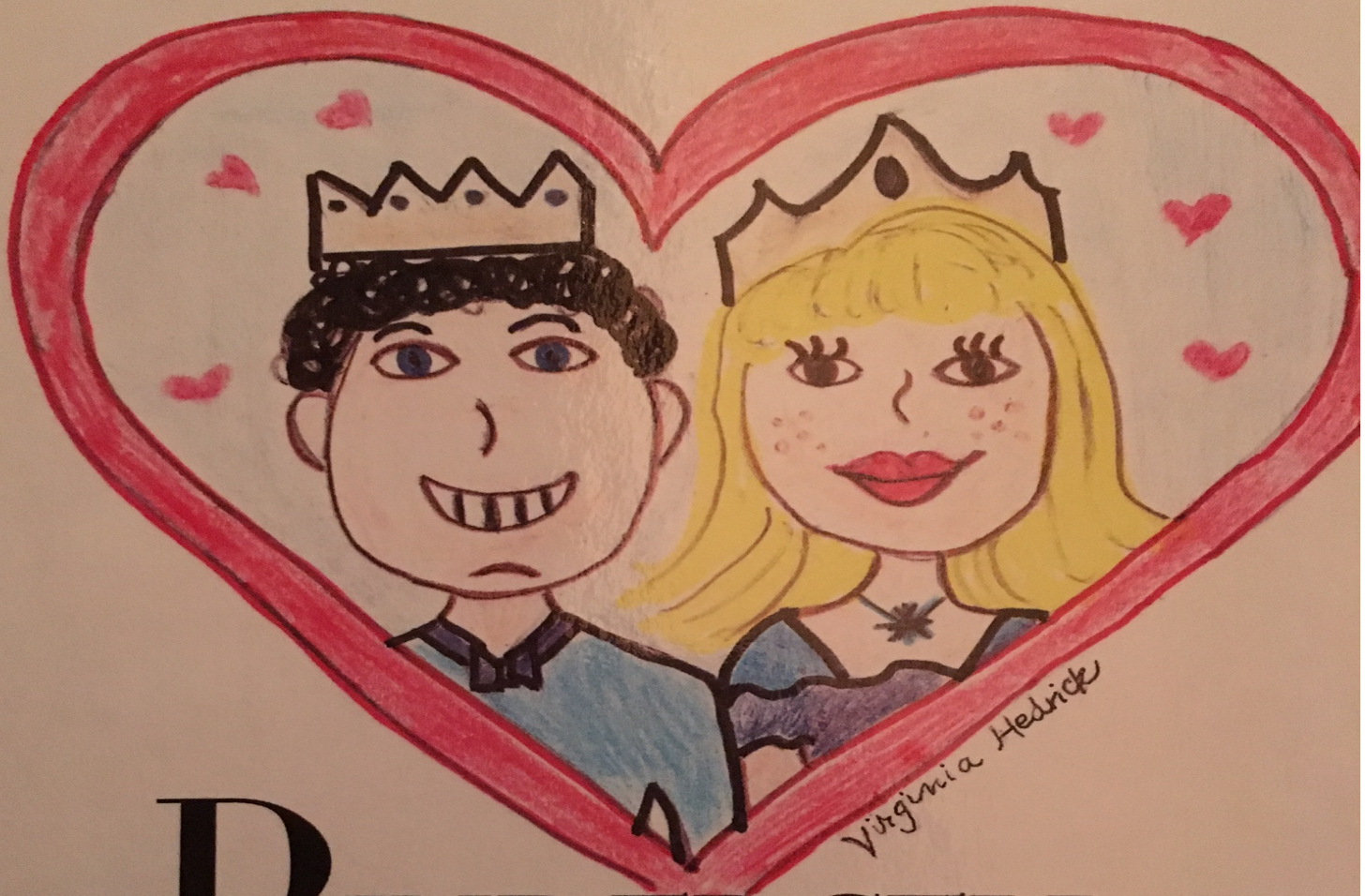
Romans 8: 18-27

*“Glory, Hope & Power”*

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# Glory, Hope and Power

## Romans 8: 18-27

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A silhouette of a cross is centered in the image, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, golden light, and the cross is dark against this bright background.

Are you broken?

He was broken, like bread, for us.

Are you despised?

He was despised and rejected by men.

Do you cry out that you can't take anymore?

He was a man of sorrows and well acquainted with grief.

Did someone betray you?

He was sold out.

Are your most tender relationships broken?

He loved and he was rejected.

Have people turned from you?

They hid their faces from him as if he was a leper.

Does He descend into all of our hells?

Yes. He does. Every tear we shed becomes his tear.

~ Peter Kreeft

*“Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you.*

*I’ve called your name, you are MINE.*

*When you are in over your head,*

*I’ll be there WITH you.*

*When you are in rough waters,*

*you will not go down.*

*When you are between a rock and a hard place,*

*it won’t be a dead end ~*

*Because I am God, YOUR personal God ...*

*Your Savior.”*

*Isaiah 43:2 -4 (Msg)*



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# Suffering & Glory

## vv. 18,19

### Application:

*As believers, both present suffering and future glory are a given.*

- Which one defines your attitudes and reactions as you walk through daily life?

*-Will you choose to let your attitudes be ruled by suffering, frustration or pain of a present circumstance ~*

*OR be led by the freedom, hope and glory of God's ultimate plan for you?*





# Waiting & Hoping

## vv. 20-25

### Application:

- Do I put my hope and expectations in earthly things, or eternal things?

*(hint: take a look at your calendar, and your top priorities)*

*“ Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;  
My hope comes from Him”*

*Psalm 62:5*





**I've  
got  
this**





Could  
you  
please  
get  
this?

*“But with  
God all  
things are  
possible.”  
Matthew 19:26*



# Weakness & Power

## vv. 26,27

### Application:

*~ What are specific ways that you can lean into or hold onto the Holy Spirit in order to allow Him to help?*

*~ Pay close attention this week. Write down ways that you can see the Spirit prompting you toward certain thoughts and behaviors.*



# *Happily Ever After ....*



*“ And they enter with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.”* *Isaiah 51:11*

*“ It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel.... And the great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.”* *Revelation 21: 11, 21*

*“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All these things are gone forever.”* *Revelation 21:4*



