

STAY POSITIVE—1  
I'M OPTIMISTIC

*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,<sup>2</sup> 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?<sup>33</sup> 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?<sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.<sup>26</sup> 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.

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### TALK IT OVER

1. Take God's Word into your week with the I'm Optimistic Bible Plan.  
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2. Which of the eight reasons to stay optimistic from Romans 8 comes hardest? Which comes easiest? Why?
3. Is your attitude based more on what you see or what God says? How can you move toward the latter?