

# PERFECT LOVE BIBLE STUDY

## SESSION 3

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) In the video we watched the heartbreaking trials Shannon (with her personal health) and Jordan (with the mental health of her child) were experiencing. Share a specific trial you experienced which caused suffering and loss in your health, relationships, job or finances, etc. How did this experience affect your relationship with God? Did you seek God for His comfort and strength or did you question His love for you? Explain.

2) Read Romans 8:35, 37-39 (New Living Translation)

**Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.**

**I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**\*What a blessing to know that God has made us conquerors over all these things! He never leaves us, and His love never fails us. Choose your favorite line or phrase from these scriptures, one that you can carry with you into this week. What's encouraging to you about those words?**

3) Let's pray together and thank God for the truth of these words, and let's pray for each other to live in truth throughout the rest of this week.

## **DEEPER WALK – SESSION 3 (WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT)**

**Please complete one or more of these suggested activities this week, to help you grow closer to God. Get a notebook to write out your thoughts and responses.**

**Meditate:** Read Song of Songs in Bible-Chapter 3. Think about how much God loves you and desires to have a relationship with you.

**Conversation:** Lisa Harper said, “The older I get, the more dings and dents and bruises that are on my heart, the more determined I am to run hard after real relationships— first with Jesus, and then with other people, because real love, real love is worth the risk.” Schedule some time with someone this week to make a step closer to a “real relationship” with her: someone you’ve been hesitant to connect with before, a friend you’ve been keeping at arm’s length, or maybe a person you’ve felt God drawing you toward but who felt “risky.” Pray about your time with her and then take the first step toward connecting with that person.

**Journal:** Lisa Harper encouraged us to stop comparing our situations in life to those of others. “We’ve got to run hard after Jesus in our own lanes. Stay in your lane, and cling to Jesus.” Reflect on this idea in writing. Where exactly is “your lane”? Are you running hard after Jesus?

**Read:** Romans 8 is one of the greatest chapters in the Bible. Spend some time this week reading and meditating on the amazing truths contained there and committing to memory those verses we studied.

**Pray:** In your prayer time, thank God for the many things in this world that cannot stand in the way of your relationship to Him! List them all, especially the ones that are the greatest struggles for you.