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What would change if you really understood all that God has done and is doing for you?

Sure we know in our head that God is for us, that there's great hope in his relationship with us and salvation for us, but sometimes these truths can be hard to believe in the midst of exhaustion, busyness, and a world of spiritual and physical opposition. *If God Is For Us* is a devotional Bible Study on Romans 8 designed to cement in your soul the great truths of our salvation and an understanding for how the Holy Spirit guides our new life in the Spirit, all found in this beloved chapter of Scripture.

Why just the one chapter? The simple answer: there's so much there! It's no wonder that so many Christians list Romans among their favorite books of the Bible and Romans 8 as their favorite in the book. Romans is packed with profound truth after profound truth which are then followed up with life-changing promise after life-changing promise. In this 6-week study, Trillia Newbell will walk you through Romans 8 and help you cement deep inside yourself the scandalous truths of our great salvation, our inheritance, the assurance of our faith, and ultimately the love of our good Father.

Each week will include:

5 daily readings out of Romans

A devotional for each daily reading

Questions for reflection and study

If you've experienced the comfort of Romans 8 before, but want to plant it more deeply in your person this is the Bible Study for you. And it's great for individual or group settings.

If you're ready to live a life that shouts: "God is for me, who can be against me," let's get started today.

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Lauren DuPrez says

Romans 8 is probably best known for its famous verse 28. What I love about Trillia Newbell's new study on the chapter is that it gives readers the whole context of the glorious promise contained in this verse. If God Is For Us: The Everlasting Truth of Our Great Salvation, is Trillia's latest book and it is one that I have enjoyed greatly. If God is For Us takes readers through 6 weeks of looking at Romans with the emphasis on Chapter 8. One of my favorite aspects of this book is that the first week of the study is exploring Romans 1-7 which provides readers with the context of what is occurring once they arrive at Chapter 8. Each week is broken up into studies for five days which I found to be helpful as it gives readers a few make up days if they are unable to complete each study in the five day timeframe. Each study has a passage of Scripture to read followed by response questions. I'm deeply appreciative of the care Trillia invested in crafting these questions because they are challenging yet simple enough for learners at all levels. The Explore section of the study includes a passage of Scripture along with some thoughts from Trillia about the passage and is followed by the Reflect section which contains application style questions. Although I have previously read Romans a few times and studied it in depth with a group of friends years ago, I found that If God Is For Us helped me to see Romans 8 and its preceding chapters in a new light. I'm thankful for what I have learned by going through If God Is For Us and am proud to recommend it. I received If God Is For Us compliments of Moody Publishers in exchange for my honest review.

Theron StJohn says

The illustrations in the devotionals and some of the other content makes this especially a wonderful Bible study for women. This Bible study will bless the ladies who partake in gazing upon the beauty of God in His Word.

If you know someone who needs to be reminded of these constant and biblical truths or that needs the confidence of what God has done for them in Christ because of His love, then pick up a copy of If God Is For Us for them today. Even better, purchase a copy of Nebwell's study for yourself and walk through Romans 8 together!

4.5 out of 5 Stars

Debbie says

"If God Is For Us" is a Bible study on Romans 1-8, with a focus on Romans 8. It is a six week study with five lessons per week. The first week involved reading Romans 1-7 and answering reading comprehension questions about the material to prepare you for the context and content of Romans 8. The rest of the weeks looked at Romans 8.

Each week started with a chunk of verses to read for that week and several reading comprehension questions to help you process what was being taught. This did not count as a day, so you may wish to treat each week

of lessons as taking six days. For each day, the author provided the verses for that day and then talked about them. She helped clarify points from the verses and explained how these truths can effect our lives. Each day ended with questions that reflect on how these verses impact our lives and can change how we live. Overall, I'd highly recommend this study for personal study. It can also be used for group study, but the group leader would have to determine what questions would work best in your group.

I received an ebook review copy of this book from the publisher through NetGalley.

Tara Rounds says

"If God is For Us" Bible Study by Trillia J. Newbell is a study on Romans 8. I liked that the first week was going through the previous chapters of Romans to keep everything in context. I did like the Respond and Reflect question sections and as I started this study on my own I would recommend doing it in a group or with someone for the full value of discussion. I found the questions to be challenging for me and needed other sources for help, such as Bible commentaries, but Trillia does have a section on Bible Study Basics and a list of additional sources to use for help in the Bible Study book. I did read the entire study but I have not fully worked through the complete study but I plan on finishing. I found myself wanting more details and information in the daily sections but Trillia designed this study so we can immerse ourselves in God's Word and spend time learning about God. The explore section consists of daily devotionals intended to support thinking about the text and applying the text to our daily lives. This study has challenged me to read and study God's Word in a deeper way and seek to apply it to my life (to read, study through other sources (meanings of words, the context of the passage, and use commentaries for better understanding), meditate on God's Word, to seek to Know God with all my heart, soul, and mind and develop a closer relationship with God. This study was more than a checking off the box for daily Bible reading and answering a few fill in the blank questions. The study required me to be focused and intentional about my time with God, which at times could be a struggle for me personally. I also had to set some of the questions aside to go back to later when I struggled over them and to remember pray for understanding and to give myself grace when I did struggle. This study is full of God's truth and I would recommend it for groups -men or women and even youth. The verses are something I need to use in renewing my mind and plan to reread this study and continue to delve deeper into Romans. I received an early copy of this book but the views and opinions in this review are my own.

Jeanie says

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus Romans 8:1.

We come to Romans 8 knowing there's a battle going on inside us. Like Paul, we have that ragged old sin clinging onto us to the point that we often do wrong even when we want to do right Romans 7:21-24. With Paul, we plead in utter frustration, Who will deliver me from this body of death? And wonderfully, we have the answer: Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans is a pivotal book of the bible. It has the struggles along with the answers. Newbell has given bible students a resource to go thru the book of Romans with a group or has a individual study. A study that will take commitment to be in the word and to think carefully of the questions that she has laid out before you. The questions are not meant to stump you or discourage you but the opposite, it is meant for you to become

hungrier for the word of God that you may discover its truth for yourself. The truth to discover is not so much how to live, that is a byproduct of bible study but to know the God of the universe to worship him and to follow him.

You will need your bible, a notebook and a desire for the word. Newbell teaches without fluff but with clarity. She makes moments of her own life teachable that will encourage belief and faith. Highly recommend.

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Mary Elsbury says

If God Is For Us is a six week Bible study that takes an in-depth look at Romans 8. Author Trillia Newbell captures the essence of our salvation – that Jesus is our only hope and He provides the promise of eternal life.

Romans 8 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible and the author helps explore the many truths in its 39 verses through probing questions and insights. This study is great for a group study or individual use and will encourage and reminder readers that we are not alone when God is for us.

If you are looking for a study that will help you gain better insights into Romans 8, I highly recommend this book.

I received this book free from Moody Publishers, as part of Trillia J. Newbell's "If God Is For Us" Launch Team. All opinions are my own.

Stephanie Van Gorden says

I'm a pretty careful critic of Bible studies in general, and I love this one. It's inductive without what may feel like a burdensome method; the commentary Mrs. Newbell writes is Christ- and Gospel-centered. My only complaint is that, for me, some of the blanks just aren't big enough to write my answers! As with most Bible studies, you'll get out what you're able to put in. If you have the time to dive deep and study slowly, it's an amazing study. If you only have 15-20 minutes a day, you'll still come away with a deeper love for the Savior, motivated by His love for you to share about Him with others. I'm so thankful Mrs. Newbell wrote this for the church (particularly we women), and am really looking forward to sharing it with my friends.

Mandy J. Hoffman says

This Bible study/book is fabulous!

Trillia Newbell did a wonderful job of providing a resource for women that dives deep into Gods Word, yet is doable for even the busiest of schedules. While this is a fantastic book to use as a group study, I personally am very impressed with how easy it is to use as an individual! Too many studies are designed in a way that

only makes them truly enjoyable when done in a group setting. This study provides a rich study for any woman who can't meet with a group. Romans 8 is my favorite passage and I loved how this 6-week study unpacked so much of its beautiful treasures! "If God Is For Us" is a perfect match for the new believer and the older Christian alike.

Tammy Knott says

I received, free of charge, an advanced copy of If God is For Us: The Everlasting Truth of Our Great Salvation a 6-week Bible Study of Romans 8 by Trillia J. Newbell for the purposes of review. The publishers are Moody Publishers, you can purchase a copy of the study by clicking the following link
<https://amzn.to/2SXhz43>

I am into the second week, day two of this study. The study begins with a cursory overview of chapters 1-7 as a means to set the scene for chapter 8, the focus of this study. Though the first week only summarizes chapters 1-7, I find that it is still a very detailed and deep look at these chapters and helps one to look forward to the next five weeks of chapter 8.

I had recently completed a personal study of the book of Romans, so I was familiar with the book and had done an extensive study chapter by chapter. Having said that, I find the questions in this study to challenge my knowledge and cause me to think in different ways about the text of the scripture. The questions are engaging and thought provoking. Reflection questions allow the individual to apply the text to personal life and gain further insight to the purposes of the text and its meaning in Christian life.

The commentary of each section is insightful and moves the study along. Giving an over-all sense of what the theme is of the scripture being studied. I find Trilla's insights and writing style to be very easy to follow and profound in her discovery of the word.

Each week has five days' worth of questions to help guide you through the scripture, the first week covers a lot of ground so each day has a set of study questions, commentary, and then a set of reflection questions. The following weeks present all study questions at the beginning of the week, then each day in that week afterwards has commentary and reflection questions focusing on specific themes of the verses under review. It is easy to follow and allows one to truly study the bible with questions designed to get you thinking about Scripture and how to apply it to your life.

I highly recommend this study for anyone who is looking to dive deeper into the Word and explore Scripture in a more intimate way.

Jennifer K says

I appreciate the structure of this new Bible study. Doing the study as an individual, I worked at my own pace. But I was propelled to move forward because I found the time spent rewarding. By the second week, the study focuses on only a few verses at a time, which lends itself to time to meditate and digest the text. Newbell offers study questions along with thought provoking reflection and practical questions. In addition, she adds illustrations to drive points home. The study has benefits for a person who has been studying the

Bible for years or for a person who is just beginning to learn about the Bible. The format is very flexible and can be used by busy individuals or within a group. I received a copy of this book from the publisher. All opinions are my own.

Amy says

This Bible Study on one of my favorite chapters is perfect for seeing and savoring the goodness of the gospel. Trillia has designed this study in a way that gives flexibility making it great for those in busy seasons while still providing a treasure of truth to mine. I love the way she begins with an overview of the chapters leading to Romans 8 so you know the context and then walks you through the chapter at a good pace. I loved going through it alone and am now engaging in a small group with it. This study has helped remind me of the sweetness of what the work of Christ has provided for me in the gospel and has drawn me into the hope I cling to while I wait for final redemption. This study will encourage and challenge all who engage in it and you will certainly leave encouraged and worshipping the God Who is For us.

Jennifer says

This is a great Bible study, mixing questions that reflect the biblical text itself with application and devotional questions. Since the intent of the workbook seems to be to cultivate personal devotion through study of Romans 8, the study balances exegetical study with meditation and journaling.

I highly recommend reading the introduction to the workbook before you start: there are different ways to use the workbook, and that introduction helped me understand its organizing principles so that I could use it in a way that suited me best. For example, the study focuses on Romans 8 but begins with a quick overview of Romans 1–7, which could be intimidating for readers who haven't studied those chapters before; I was glad that the introduction explicitly invited readers to take a helicopter ride over those chapters or to take more than a week to move through them. Another example: once the workbook gets to Romans 8, the structure for the weeks changes, and I don't personally love the way that they front-load study of Romans 8 itself before shifting almost exclusively toward devotional material. This is an easy problem to solve, however: each day, I do some of the week's "Day 1" questions along with one of the other days for that week so that the workbook can help me through both kinds of engagement each day.

Overall, this study is a great dive into a particularly rich portion of scripture. I am using the workbook for personal study but feel confident that it would work well for group study as well. I highly recommend it!

Disclosure: I received this book free from Moody Publishers but have since bought two other copies as gifts for others.

Joanne Viola says

If God Is For Us by Trillia J. Newbell is a 6 week Bible Study focusing on Romans 8. The first week of study is an overview of the entire book of Romans. The following weeks unpack Chapter 8, concentrating on a few verses each day.

Each week begins with an introduction which includes the questions to respond to throughout the week. The author gives short commentary on the verses for the day and then moves the reader to reflection questions.

She uses an inductive style of study which encourages the reader to dig deeper and uncover the depth of meaning for oneself. The questions are meaningful, and caused me to take time to reflect and apply God's Word to my own life.

The study encourages readers to use the Bible foremost, using cross referencing of other Scriptures to bring clarity. She exposes readers to word studies which I love and found particularly interesting and enlightening to the text.

I did not yet do the study in its entirety, having done only the first week and several days from various parts of the study. I'll be working through the study at my own pace so as not to be in a rush. This is a study which can be used both personally and for a group.

With that said, this is a solid and biblical study of a wonderful portion of Scripture. Romans 8 brings assurance of our salvation and the following reminders:

the Spirit is at work in our lives
we are heirs, adopted by God
our suffering has purpose in our lives
even in our weaknesses, the Spirit is at work
God is working all things out in our lives for our good
nothing, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God

The study closes with a powerful challenge to share our faith – the Gospel – beyond church circles and church walls. We are to share with those around us and in our everyday lives. We must make the most of every opportunity and leave the outcome to God.

*I was provided a copy of this book by Moody Publishers for review. All opinions are honest and my own.

Jill says

"If God Is For Us" by Trillia J. Newbell is a six-week Bible study focusing on Romans 8. Just one chapter, but it packs a punch. The first week is a quick study of Romans 1-7, but the following five weeks are based solely on the verses in chapter 8.

Newbell's vision of one chapter for six weeks brings a beloved chapter and favorite book of the Bible to life in us as we study Romans 8 in depth. Each week consists of five daily studies that lead us into thought-provoking questions and insightful exposition by Newbell that helps us internalize God's Word.

Perfect for a group study or individual use, "If God Is For Us" will encourage and bless everyone who participates. It will impact the lives of new Christians as well as mature Christians.

I always enjoy the Bible studies Moody Publishers prints. Start off the year in Romans. You will be blessed and encouraged. By the end of the six weeks, you will be able to explain Romans 8 in detail and with passion.

Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Moody Publishers, as part of Trillia J. Newbell's "If God Is For Us" Launch Team. I was not required to write a review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Journey FAITH says

The last couple of years I have become more discerning of Bible studies, so I haven't bought any in a while. Instead, I read through the Bible on my own, either by book of the Bible or a topic in the Bible, using Jen Wilken's method. I also meet with a small group and we are either doing a Bible study or a book study. So when Trillia Newbell put out a Bible study on Romans 8 ~ If God Is For Us – The Everlasting Truth Of Our Great Salvation, it piqued my interest as she seems solid in her theology. Well, I am excited to share she is and so is this study of hers!! A lot of studies on the market today, focus more on self, than the Bible. This focuses on God and His Word, and that is what a good Bible study should do! I have also gained some new insights doing this study, now I am not all the way through yet, as it takes about 6 weeks, but I have skimmed ahead and am excited to see what else I will learn. Trillia does an excellent job providing tips and information to help you study the Bible and gives a great overview of the book of Romans. She offers suggestions on where to look for help with resources and study aids. The first week are spent doing an overview of Romans 1-7 and understanding the context (who wrote it, when, why, etc...), which is important to do before digging into any Bible study. Since this focuses on the Scripture in Romans 8, as Trillia says we need to know the therefore before we move forward. All this helps us to dig deeper, because surface level studying of the Bible is not going to help you learn about God. I like what she says "It takes time to really know a person – and the same thing is true about getting to know the Bible." She created this to be a 5-days of study a week, but offers flexibility to help make it work for you. In addition, this study may be done in a group setting or individually.

You will have daily Bible reading, she offers cross-referencing when needed, explore section to help in understanding and to dig deeper, reflect section with questions to help, and application of the Bible's message to be lived. All of this makes for a great study to understand and know God more! Here are a few highlights I have from the book, though there are many, plus my personal notes and answers to the questions!

Our unfaithfulness looks like bowing to our idols, putting other things in our life ahead of God. It looks like neglecting to commune with Him through prayer. It looks like stubborn repentance, refusing to acknowledge our sin and come to Him for forgiveness and reconciliation. If we're honest with ourselves, we can see we just don't have it in us. We lack the faithfulness required to keep a relationship with God....but thankfully our faithfulness isn't what keeps us with Him. It's His faithfulness that secures us.

There are a number of reasons why I would die for my kids. There is absolutely no reason why Jesus would have died for you and me except for His great love and mercy. There is nothing that we contribute to the initial relationship with our Savior except our sin.

This Scripture assures us of two things: 1) we will be tempted to sin, and 2) we will always have a way out, a way to say no. We are guaranteed this because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

It is no small thing that we can use the word Abba as we cry out to our Father.

Suffering is not the end. Our suffering leads us somewhere and to Someone. To glory.

We have a Hope, and our Hope won't put us to shame. Our great Hope sympathizes with our weaknesses and sent a Helper to assist us in our need. We are weak, but He is strong. We cry out, and He will answer in our day of trouble.

Opportunities to share the gospel are all around us. We have a treasure – a great treasure. We keep it in “jars of clay: (2 Cor. 4:7), which means we’re human and won’t get it right 100% of the time. But we don’t have to! God is the one who does the heart work. We simply need to be faithful to share.
