Dear Open Door Family

Words are powerful; they have the ability to convey feelings and ideas, as well as emotions. When we think of these words MORE, SEPARATE, NOTHING, these are strong words with deep emotions or feelings attached to them. For example SEPARATE - I hate it when I travel because it separates me from Carol. It is a necessary part of ministry but I hate those times of separation. NOTHING - There is nothing further we can do; your loved one is in God's hands. MORE - fixing that car is more trouble than it is worth. There is power in words. In our Wednesday afternoon men's Bible study we were studying Romans 8:35-39. Great verses that can challenge, encourage, comfort, and convict. We spent time meditating on this passage during the week and then we shared those thoughts together. Here are some of what we shared from the meditation we did on these verses.

Romans 8:37 *(NIV) ...in all these things we are* ***MORE*** *than conquerors through him who loved us.*

"We are MORE than the troubles that try us. We are MORE than the sum total of our mistake riddled past. We are MORE than the gnawing worries of unknown tomorrows. We are MORE than the mud we have been formed out of. We are MORE. We are MORE because He sent His only Son for us. We are more for Christ Died and rose again FOR us. We are MORE for He currently dwells in us. We are MORE than conquerors THROUGH HIM that loved us. We are MORE!" W. Codilla

Romans 8:38-39 *(NLT) And 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.*

NOTHING, Nada, Zero, Zilch, Nobody, Naught...
CAN
SEPARATE us, divide us, disconnect us, detach us, or split us, part us,
FROM God's Love EVER! NOTHING!!!! MK

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord God, that NOTHING can SEPARATE me from Your amazing Love for me. Thank You that because of who You are, I am MORE than a conqueror. Please, Lord God, help me to live out the TRUTH of these words in my life everyday.

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