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from Romans, a letter in the Bible

Through this series we'll be working our way through the Biblical letter of Romans. We'll explore themes of forgiveness, freedom, hope and grace.

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Overview

During ch 1-4 we've spent time in the valley of sin and faced the crux of salvation. Listen to previous talks unpacking justification - God declaring us guilt-free, giving us His righteousness, and welcoming us in. We are reconciled to our creator. We are at peace with Him. We've now come to ch5, a beautiful vantage point, and we get the first glimpse of the summit peak for the first time, chapter 8.

In chs 5-8 Paul gives us 3 Death VS Life contrasts and we'll look at the first one today:

- Chapter 5: Adam = Death VS Christ = Life
- Chapter 6 and into 7: Slavery to sin = Death VS Slavery to Righteousness = life
- Chapter 7 and 8: Flesh = Death VS The Spirit = Life

Death in Adam, LIFE in Christ

- Read ch 5:12-21 and discuss what Paul's main points are.
- Is there anything we find difficult about this passage, either personally or theologically?
- Read vs 6-8 and discuss how this is good news for sinners?

LIFE = Peace with God

- Read ch 5:1-11
- How does having peace with God mean that we don't have to prove or justify ourselves? Encourage people to share if they struggle with feeling like they need to prove/justify themselves at times.
- Take the opportunity to pray for one another to live from this place of peace with God.

LIFE = Boasting in God and Suffering

- Read ch 5:2-5 and 11, Phil 3:7 and Gal 6:14
- How does boasting in God affect our evangelism? Encourage people to share stories of times they've 'boasted of God' in evangelism.
- Boasting in suffering is not an easy subject and might be quite personal for people. Open this up for discussion with questions like: What are your thoughts on boasting in suffering? Do we find this easy or hard? What does boasting in suffering look like?
- Pray with one another again.

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