

## Weekly Reading Notes

28-11-2021

## Extra Readings

**Scripture:** Romans 8:31-39

*You can use the following to further reflect on the passage / sermon.*

## **Observation:**

*(e.g. What sticks out to you? What do you think is the main point? What do you learn about God? What do you learn about people? Do you have any questions?)*

### **Psalm 44**

*In this Psalm, God had not gone with Israel into battle (44:10). As a result, they felt oppressed and downcast. When Paul wrote Romans 8:37 he reflected upon this Psalm and connected it to his own situation. God's people have always encountered difficulties. When you experience trials what supports and enables you to face them? Do you ever wonder if they'll come a hardship too heavy for you to bear?*

## **Application:**

*(e.g. Sin to confess? Promise to claim? Attitude to change? Command to obey? Example to follow? Prayer to pray? Error to avoid? Truth to believe? Something to praise God for?)*

### **John 10:27-30**

*Are there seasons where you fear your faith will fail? What does Jesus say concerning this? Do you struggle to believe that none of the sufferings you encounter will ultimately triumph over you?*

*“Those whom God has accepted in his Beloved, effectually called, and sanctified by his Spirit, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but shall certainly persevere in it to the end and be eventually saved.”* - Westminster Confession of Faith

## **Prayer:**

### **Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5**

*What do these verses teach about the assurance of salvation? How would you counsel someone who is worried about “losing” their salvation?*