A Pandemic Survival Kit Sermon Series
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SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:28; 35-39 NRSV
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS – How to Find the Silver Lining

1. What jumps out at you about the Scripture reading?

2. Many who survived the nearly four-year siege of Sarajevo during the Bosnian say they miss that time and the lessons of war, even though they are glad there is peace. Why do you think that is?

3. What have been the challenges for you in this pandemic? What has been a silver lining for you personally?

4. Why do you think when there are emergencies the first thing people often turn to is purchasing extra toilet paper?

5. **What is your POA of the pandemic (Potential Opportunity Analysis)?**

6. Paul says God works all things for the good of those who love. Do you believe that? How does God do that?

7. Paul also says that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. How does this promise make you feel?

8. What do you think of this statement: *Sometimes we find and see that silver lining right away, sometimes we have to wait for it—a long time. Maybe we won't see it until the next life. But we know that eventually the silver lining will come because Christ's destiny is our destiny. This isn't mere wishful thinking or naïve optimism—this is hope, a rugged and sturdy hope backed up by God's Word.*