



# SERMON NOTES

## The Faith We Sing

Week 3 (April 25):  
"O Love That Will Not  
Let Me Go"

*Romans 8:28-39*

- I. **George Matheson, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"**
  - A. George Matheson wrote, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" at a moment when his heart was completely \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Matheson had to tell his fiancé that he would inevitably become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Three of Matheson's sisters rallied around him to help and even studied \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. **Paul and the Nature of God's Love**
  - A. The Apostle Paul asks the question many of us may ask when \_\_\_\_\_ comes into our lives. Does God still love us?
  - B. Because of Christ's Spirit, Paul says we are more than \_\_\_\_\_ over the troubles.
  - C. Even \_\_\_\_\_ does not lead us farther away from God, but would only bring us closer.
- III. **O Love**
  - A. Matheson once preached for \_\_\_\_\_, who loved his sermon so much she had it reprinted.
  - B. The rainbow, a sign of joy, represented God's covenant with \_\_\_\_\_ and God's amazing deliverance.
  - C. The One who willingly suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ lifts our head with the hope that our "Life that shall endless be."

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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## INTRODUCTION

George Matheson, author of the hymn “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go,” shared the truth that God’s love holds us fast through all the disappointments and heartaches of our lives. Matheson echoes this truth from Paul’s words in Romans 8:38-39, which describes how nothing can separate us from “the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.” This great hope deeply encourages our souls when it can be internalized.

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### Monday: Psalm 139:7-8

In Romans 8, Paul says that no matter how high you go or how deep down, you will never find a power that will defeat God’s power to hold you close. The Psalmist asks, the question of God, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?” Great question! We can’t ascend to heaven or travel to the depths without God being there. What does it mean for you today, in this moment, that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ?

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### Tuesday: Jeremiah 32:38-41

The prophet Jeremiah describes an “everlasting covenant” The Lord makes with God’s people. He says the “fear” or awe of God is placed in their hearts so God’s people do not turn away. We may stumble. We may wander. But if you belong to God, you will be brought back. How might this promise build your trust in God?

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### Wednesday: Philippians 1:19-26

In Romans 8, we read that death cannot separate us from the love of God. In fact, because of Jesus’ resurrection, death draws us closer to that love. In Philippians, Paul says he is “torn between the two,” a desire to depart and be close to Christ or go on living. Paul says he knows he needs to remain in the body for the joy of carrying his faith to others. Do you find this kind of faith extraordinary? How do you relate to Paul’s words?

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### Thursday: Colossians 2:13-15

According to the writer of Colossians, our debts and all that might have condemned us has been nailed to the cross. The “rulers and authorities” have been disarmed and put to open shame—for they have been triumphed over by the cross. What do the negative or evil “rulers and authorities” represent for you? What does it mean for you that they have been triumphed over by the cross?

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### Friday: Revelation 21:6-7; 22:13

In the Book of Revelation, God is described as “Alpha and Omega.” God means that God is eternal, that God was before anything was created and that God will be forever, long after the present creation, when the new heaven and new earth are formed. How does this perspective of the eternal shift your outlook for your day?

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## MOVING FORWARD

As you reflect on the passages you read for this week, what were the barriers that keep your heart from believing that God’s love will never let you go. The foundation of our faith is built on Christ as the chief cornerstone, and God is ready and waiting for you with open arms, as you continue to build your faith. As the old hymn suggests, pray that you may continue to exchange the “flickering torch” of your faith for the blaze of sunshine God offers to guide you.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) broken, B) blind, C) Latin, Hebrew and Greek;  
IIA) suffering, B) conquerors, C) death; IIIA) Queen Victoria, B) Noah, C) cross.*