THANKS FOR NOTHING

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*Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Phil 4:8 ESV)*

*35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

*38 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. 39 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. (Romans 8:35-37 NIV11)*

**POINT 1: LOSS**

**Q: Can anything separate us from Christ’s love?**

**IN CHRIST WE HAVE VICTORY**

**POINT 2: LOVE**

**PAIR 1: *death & life***

**PAIR 2: *angels & demons***

**PAIR 3: *present & the future***

 **PAIR 4: *height nor depth***

**SINGLE 1: *anything in all creation*SINGLE 2: *the love of God***

NOTHING is as powerful as our LORD, and His LOVE

 **POINT 3: LESSONS LEARNED**

1. We are called to have an attitude of gratitude

*“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
 1st Thess. 5:18 NIV11*

2. We are called to cultivate thankfulness

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7 NIV11*

3. We are called to never forget and to always proclaim

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. *Psalm 78:4 NIV11*