

Friday - March 10

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

While working in the operating room, I was assigned on this particular day to the Plastic Surgery Service. Our first patient was a young female who was undergoing reconstructive surgery for a facial deformity on her left side. As I walked into the pre-op bay, I could clearly see the deformity on this beautiful young lady. I started my interview by introducing myself, asking for her name and I.D. bracelet and gently asked her what operation she was expecting to have today. She glanced over to her mother, who was holding her hand and stated, "My face, I'm here for the doctor to fix my face." I paused, and answered back, "Which area? Please show me." My patient pointed to her left side. "Oh, I said, I had not seen that." The young teen looked again at her mom and said, "Ohhh mom," and a smile grew across her shining face. I knew then that I had clearly communicated to her that no matter what, she was lovely in my sight, and that her view of herself was different from mine.

That is how we are with our Father. We may be feeling ugly, dirty, even rejected and unloved, but God sees through all of this and looks into *our heart and soul*, and His vision is not on those things that we see or believe about ourselves. It is based upon His peace, His nature and His truth, His love and nothing can separate us from Him.

David

Prayer: Lord, help me see and love people always through Your eyes. Amen