



Bible Study Notes

Book of Romans Part 35

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Romans 12:14-21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

*"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.*

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

What hope do we have to act in a way that is counter to our flesh?

Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Our ability to bless and not curse others comes from God, who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Luke 23:32-43

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."^[c] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



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³⁵ *The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."*

³⁶ *The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."*

³⁸ *There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

³⁹ *One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"*

⁴⁰ *But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?" ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."*

⁴² *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."*

⁴³ *Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

If Jesus could forgive His persecutors, He will empower us to do the same.

God revealed Himself as compassionate, and He expects the same for us.

Exodus 34:6

⁶ *And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness*

God is moved by what moves us.

Compassion: to suffer together.

God hurts when we hurt.

We are called to live at peace with each other.

Humility is a characteristic that demonstrates growth in grace.

The more we grow in wisdom, the more we realize we bring nothing to the table.

As believers, we are not to take revenge ourselves.

Deuteronomy 32:35

³⁵ *It is mine to avenge; I will repay.*

In due time their foot will slip;



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*their day of disaster is near
and their doom rushes upon them."*

***What do we do when it looks like evil is winning?
We stand on God's promise of justice and vindication.***

Isaiah 30:18

*¹⁸ Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.
For the LORD is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!*

Psalms 17:2

*² Let my vindication come from you;
may your eyes see what is right.*

Isaiah 54:17

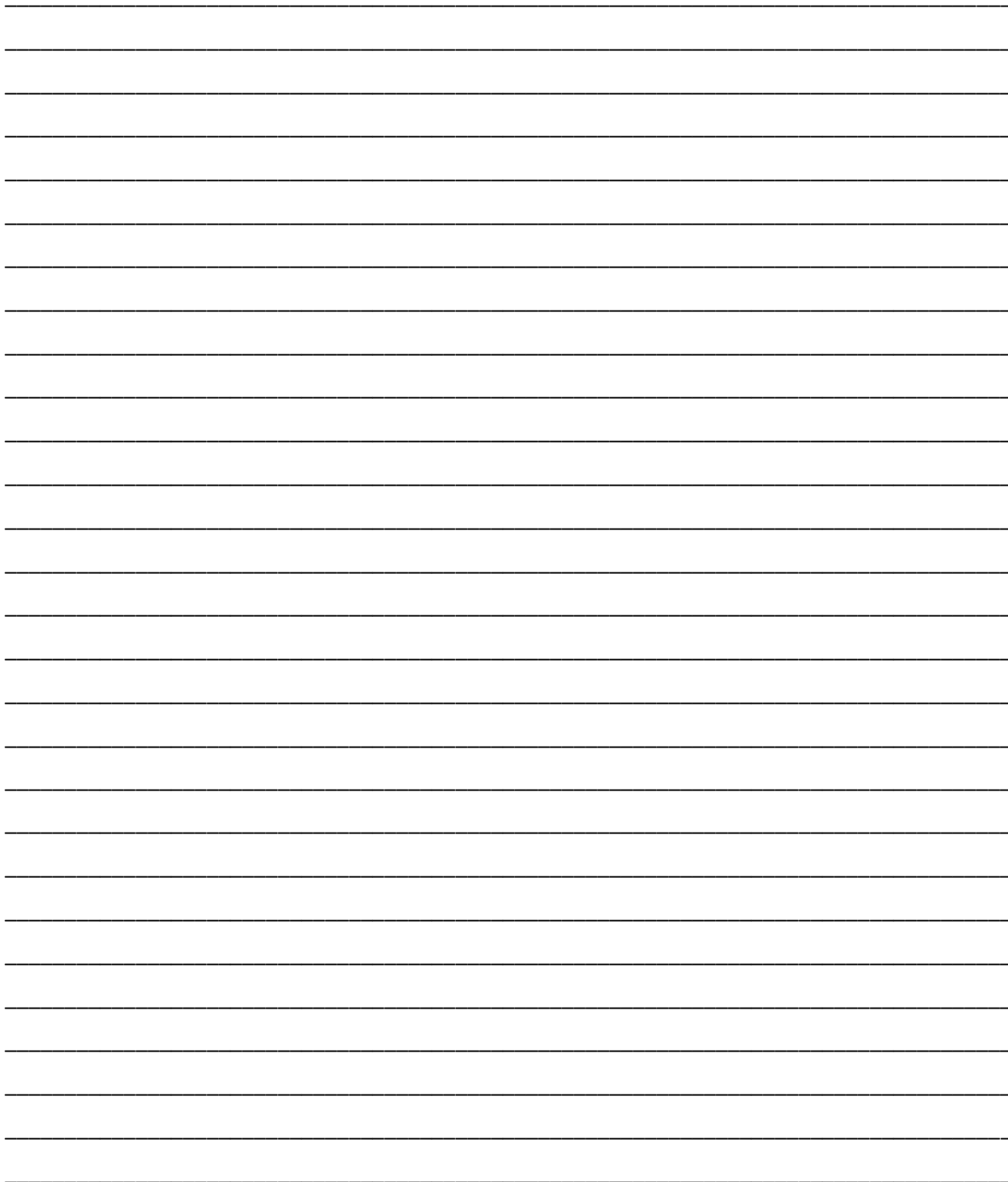
*¹⁷ no weapon forged against you will prevail,
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
and this is their vindication from me,"
declares the LORD.*

Vindication simply means God will fight for our cause!

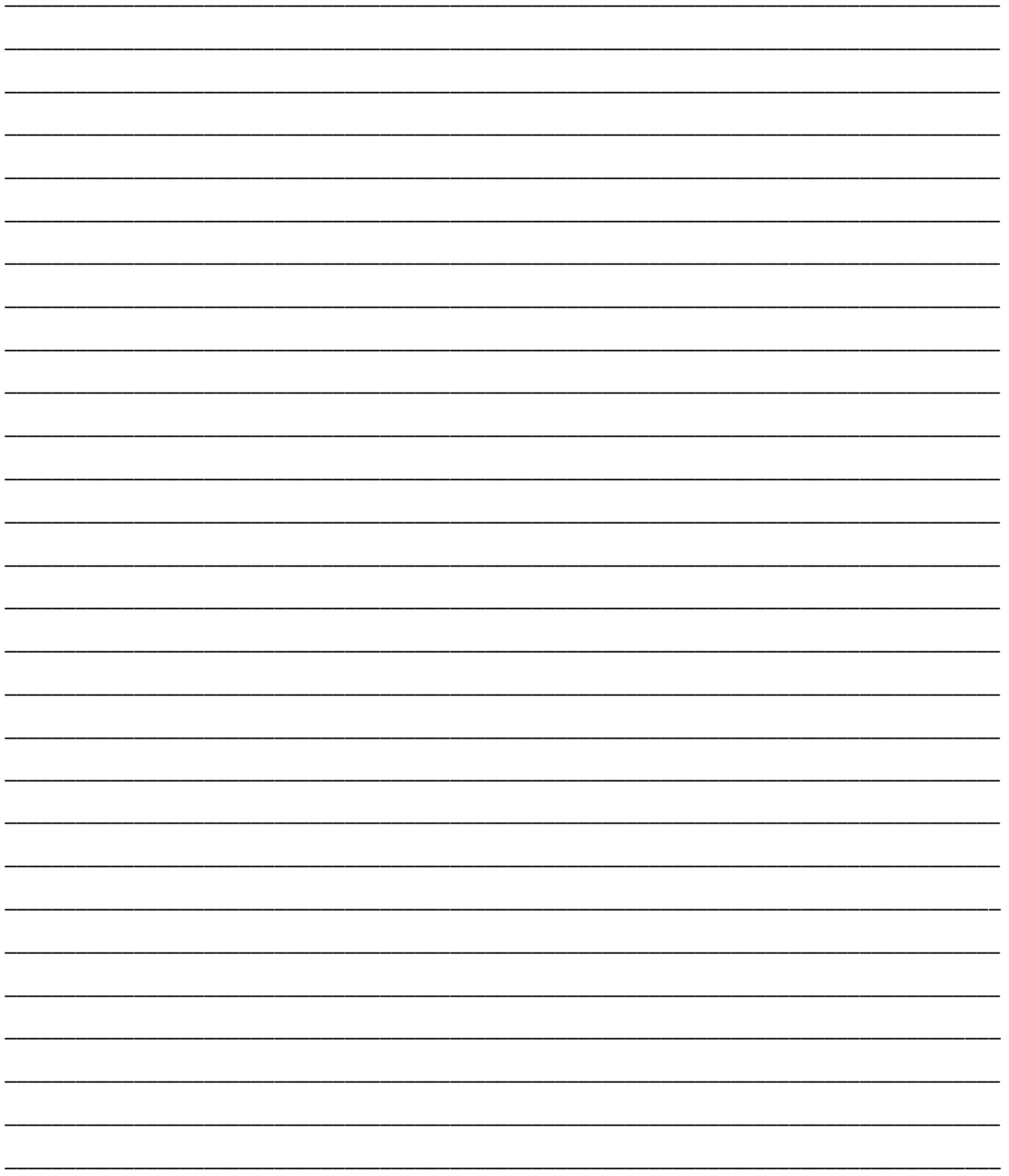
Romans 12:20 Message Version:

Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

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