

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

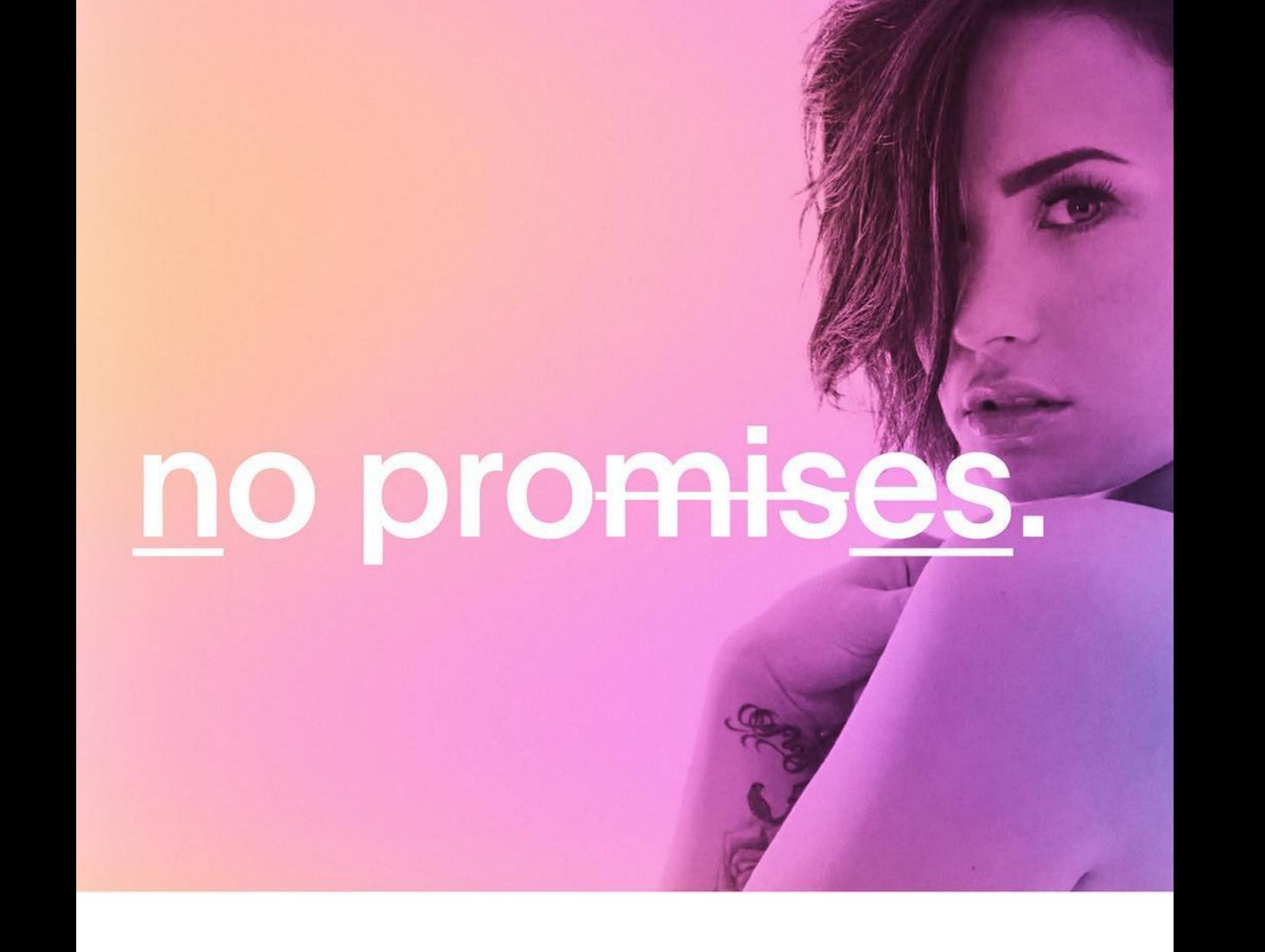
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"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us.

For I am sure 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.





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(Romans 8:28)

If God is for us, who can be against us?

(Romans 8:31)

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger or sword?

For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

(Romans 8:35-36)



1. It's all good!

And we know that for those who love God <u>all things</u> work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

(Romans 8:28)

Joseph

I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

(Genesis 45:4-5)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

(Genesis 50:20)

Job

Then Job replied to the LORD: "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.' My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you."

(Job 42:1-5)

Apostle Paul

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

(Philippians 1:12-14)

Jesus

What is foolishness to man has become our wisdom and our greatest victory!

"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

(1 Corinthians 1:18)

"God hates evil and suffering and has a plan that will defeat it, but we can hardly see any of the plan. It is hidden too deeply for us to see much of it at all. The people around Jesus' cross also shook their heads and said, 'I don't see how God could bring anything good out of this."

(Timothy Keller, Walking with God through Pain and Suffering)

2. It's forever ours!

And those whom he <u>predestined</u> he also <u>called</u>, and those whom he <u>called</u> he also <u>justified</u>, and those whom he <u>justified</u> he also <u>glorified</u>.

(Romans 8:30)

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure 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.

(Romans 8:37-39)

3. It's going to get better!

And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

(Romans 8:30)

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

(Romans 8:18)

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