

# GOD FORBID

#1

## Roman's 6:1-5

= God forbid.

- A lot of people say that "Jesus wept." is the shortest verse in the bible.
- I think mine is pretty good. "God forbid."
- We read this and we get a certain connection with it.
- It has a certain feeling that goes with it.
- You get the "Uh-uh-uh" feeling.
- The word 'forbid' has a real bad wrap.
- Nobody like rules & regulations. Everybody wants to be free & independent, and "forbid" comes along and it cramps everybody's style.
- FORBID is archaic in these days.
- FORBID is too PREACHY, and heaven help us if we get too preachy.
- I'm being sarcastic.
- I want to help us with GOD FORBID
- This is the way I see it...

#1 Adam & Eve in the Garden. God said, "In the day that thou eatest thereof (tree of knowledge of good & evil) thou shalt surely die..."

- Of course we know Adam & Eve took of the fruit.
- They should die that day...
- God could have killed them both and would have been justified in doing so.
- For them to continue in sin would have been to die immediately.
- But GOD FORBID instead they continued in grace.
  - God slayed two animals in their stead & covered their sin.
  - He cursed the ground instead of them.
  - It was God's love that caused their survival.
  - God forbade their certain destruction.

#2

The bible says  
#2 Look at Noah, ~~God said~~ that "The wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts ~~of his heart~~ of his heart were only evil continually."

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD..."  
Was Noah + his wife + his three sons + their daughters?  
Were they to continue in sin?

God forbid. God said make an ark and Noah made an ark. And God brought the rains for 40 days + 40 nights and flooded the earth. "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man..." They all died...

But Noah + his family were shut up in the ark safe from the waters of the flood...  
God forbid that Noah would continue in sin...

#3 Look at Abraham. Would he continue as an idolater; and his wife barren with no children...  
GOD FORBID that Abraham would continue this way.  
Instead God said Get thee ~~out~~! And God gave him the land of Canaan... He gave him a son Isaac... It was God that did it...

#4 Look at the Israelites in the Land of Pharaoh  
They were in bondage! They <sup>were</sup> slaves in Egypt.  
They were a downcast people with nothing  
Pharaoh tried to exterminate all the male  
children---

BUT GOD FORBID! Moses was born  
and God called him + prepared him to deliver  
his people from the grasp of Pharaoh--

- Were they to continue in SLAVERY? God forbid!

- When they reached the sea and Pharaoh's  
chariots were upon them and destruction was  
imminent, were they to be destroyed? God forbid.

God parted the sea + the Israelites  
walked on Dry Ground, while the Pharaoh's  
chariots perished in the waters---

- Were they to starve in the wilderness?  
GOD FORBID God gave them water from  
the Rock + Manna---

God brought them  
out with a  
mighty hand  
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#5 Was Rahab + her family gonna die  
during the siege of Jericho... GOD FORBID  
There was mercy for them---

#6 How about God + the Philistines?

Was Goliath gonna continue to defy  
 the army's of the living God?  
**GOD FORBID** That day the LORD  
 delivered Goliath into the hand of  
 David. He smote him, He took his head,  
 and gave his carcass to the fowls of  
 the air and the earth know that  
 day that there is a God in Israel...

Even in the captivity... when all the kings  
 of Israel were finally destroyed & the  
 Israelites were carried off to a strange land  
 Their hearts were hung on the willows  
 & they had lost their song... Were they  
 to continue this way? **GOD FORBID**...

God raised up Cyrus, king of Persia and  
 said. "I have raised him up in righteousness  
 and I will direct all his ways. he shall  
 build my city, and he shall let go  
 my captives not for price nor reward,  
 Saith the LORD OF HOSTS...

So now, when we come to Romans and we ask this question. "Shall we continue in sin?" This gives us a better understanding ~~of the text~~ when Paul says, "God FORBID!"

④ You see, when God FORBIDS. It's not just that God doesn't WANT something. It's much more than that. It's that God has done something. God has done something to FORBID that which he disliked...

Our normal understanding of Forbid is simply "a rule." "You are forbidden from chocolate." "You are forbidden to use the plane past 8pm." It's an expression of our desire...

But when God forbids in ~~the Bible~~ <sup>this text</sup> it's because he's done something about it...  
SHALL WE CONTINUE IN SIN? GOD FORBID!  
(Read Again)

What did he do? ~~He died on the cross.~~  
He was despised & rejected of men...  
He has borne our grief & carried our sorrows.  
He was wounded for our transgressions...  
He was bruised for our iniquities

- He was oppressed & afflicted
- He was cut off out of the land of the living
- He bore the sin of many.
- And made intercession for the transgressors...

Shall we continue in SIN? GOD FORBID.  
He died on the cross for our sins. GOD FORBID

So in our example we see that if God prevents something from happening, it's because he wills something else to happen. If God closes a door, then that doesn't mean he wants you to stop & do nothing. He just doesn't want you going through that door. Maybe it's another door, maybe it's the opposite direction...  
FORBIDDING is not just want is not wanted  
It's what is wanted...

So we read the rest of this in mind and we see the will of God in this.

(Read vs 2-4)

God's will is that we walk in the newness of life...

- (vs 5)

- Walking in the newness of life has much (if not all) to do with the resurrection of Christ...

- So the question is: "Should we continue in sin?"
- The Answer: GOD FORBID! Is the gospel!
- What is the Gospel? It's death, burial, AND Resurrection of Jesus Christ...
- The Gospel takes from us what God doesn't want for us (Death) and gives us what God wants for us (Resurrection [LIFE])
- I'm always perplexed how that on Easter, ~~the~~ that there's such a focus on the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, almost to the exclusion of the resurrection.....
- The climax always seems to be the crucifixion & the resurrection is just the pleasant ending...
- But the resurrection holds the secret of the Christian life, the will of God... To walk in the newness of life...
- I'm not claiming to know everything or to already arrived, but I will tell you this:
- Paul said, "That I may be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; That I may knew him, and power of his resurrection....."

The Power of his resurrection!

Paul believed there was power in the resurrection...~

- We sing "Power in the blood"... and there is....
- But what Jesus died was not just "at the cross"
- It was in the <sup>dark</sup> Tomb <sup>or</sup> when he resurrected  
and there's POWER <sup>Joseph of A.</sup> in that too...

And I'd sure like to know the POWER of his resurrection....

- I ~~believe~~ that's what Paul is going with this...  
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- Paul is trying to help us

How shall we that are dead to sin live any longer therein?

- There's so much more than <sup>N</sup> sin to live for.

- There's an alternative to continuing in sin...

- Did God slay those animals in the Garden of Eden  
& let Adam & Eve walk off in their fig leaves?

- Did God ~~have Noah build an ark~~ save  
Noah from the flood & leave him in the ark....

- Did God part the Red Sea ~~for the Israelites~~  
~~and just stand there and look at the water~~....

for the Israelites to come over and then leave  
it parted for the Egyptians to come too?



- Likewise, Did Jesus die on the cross and stay in a tomb?
- Or let me ask us this: Did God do all this only to bring us half-way?
  - It's not enough to discontinue a life of sin...
  - But it's God's ~~will~~ will that we begin a new life in Christ...
- How do we walk in the narrow way of life?
- How we need the Spirit of God.

Roman 8:11 But, the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you...

If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit,  
Surely we need the Spirit to partake of the  
Power of His resurrection