

With the recent shootings in Las Vegas, country music singer Maren Morris has released a new song called “Dear Hate.” You may not be a country music fan, but I encourage you to listen to the words...  
<https://youtu.be/tUPR5-igTVY>

*Dear Hate  
I saw you on the news today,  
Like a shock that takes my breath away...*

The chorus contains reference to the Garden of Eden, with the comfort that Love conquers all:

*You were there in the garden like a snake in the grass.  
I see you in the morning staring through the looking glass.  
You whisper down through history and echo through these halls,  
But I hate to tell you, love's gonna conquer all.*

And in the coda, Morris explains Who **Love** is...

*Dear Love,  
Just when I think you've given up,  
You were there in the garden when I ran from your voice.  
I hear you every morning through the chaos and the noise.  
You still whisper down through history and echo through these halls,  
And tell me love's gonna conquer all,  
Gonna conquer all.*

### Getting To Know You

1. Have you ever experienced a hurricane, earthquake, or other natural disaster?

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2. Do you see trouble in 3's? Any examples?

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### Into the Bible

1. As a Christian you are more apt to be ridiculed by this world. According to Jesus, why does hate exist? [John 15:18-20]

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2. Peace in this world is what everyone is seeking, but we have access to a more complete peace through the Holy Spirit [read John 14: 26-27]. How does Paul describe this peace in Philippians 4:6-7?

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3. Read Romans 8:28. How are we reassured that God is in control?

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So is all this suffering for naught? \_\_\_\_\_  
Read 2 Corinthians 4:17 to gain a greater perspective.

## Taking It Home

1. Are you going through a difficult time right now?

Seek a fellow Christian to come alongside

you. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Have you felt the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding?

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## “Trouble Comes in Three’s?”

*“If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the Lord, who is my refuge – then no harm will befall you.” [Psalm 91:9-10]*

### I. The R\_\_\_\_\_ of Suffering

*“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.” [1 Peter 4:12]*

1. Suffering as a H\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_.

*“Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.” [Job 5:7]*

*“In this world you will have trouble.” [John 16:33]*

2. Suffering as a C\_\_\_\_\_.

*“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” [2 Timothy 3:12; see John 15:18-20]*

Becoming a Christian does not E\_\_\_\_\_ suffering,  
but might actually I\_\_\_\_\_ it!

### II. The R\_\_\_\_\_ in Suffering

*“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”  
[Psalm 46:1]*

1. God is W\_\_\_\_\_ us in the suffering.

*“The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.”*

[Psalm 46:7; see John 14:27]

2. God can R\_\_\_\_\_ the suffering.

*“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; see Romans 8:28]

3. God will someday R\_\_\_\_\_ the suffering.

*“Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”<sup>18</sup> I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”*

[Romans 8:17-18]

For the Christian suffering is never F\_\_\_\_\_,

F\_\_\_\_\_, or P\_\_\_\_\_.