

Suffering and Glory, Part 4 Romans 8:28-30

Two BIG Questions

1. Is there a promise big enough and strong enough to _____ us in seasons of intense suffering?
2. Is there something we can know about our suffering that will _____ the pain we feel in our suffering that will always pull us through our suffering?

Know This Promise

We can know that God is working all things for our good because we've _____ it ...

- In _____ story. Esther 9:1, "When the king's command [to wipe the Jewish people off the face of the earth] was about to be carried out, on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain mastery over them, the reverse occurred: the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them."
- In _____ story. Job 19:25-27, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me."
- In _____ story. Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

The Specifics of This Promise

1. This promise doesn't mean that all things are _____.
 2. This promise isn't saying that _____ things, or even most things work together for good.
 3. This promise doesn't mean that all things work together for good on _____.
- The promise is that God is working in all things and through all things for your eternal good—to make you like _____ (verse 29).
 - So instead of only asking God to get you out of the pain, or through the pain, ask God what _____ wants you to _____ the pain.

The People of This Promise

- It's for those who _____ God and are _____ according to His purpose.

Acts 4:12, "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

The Certainty of This Promise ... You can be sure of this promise because ...

- God _____ you before you knew Him.
- God _____ you before you chose Him.
- God _____ you before you called out to Him.
- God _____ you righteous even though you were unrighteous.
- God will _____ the work He's begun in you.

Zechariah 2:8, "Anyone who touches you touches the apple of his eye."

Romans 10:11, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."