

LACO Benefit Car Show



∞ Saturday, June 1st



Finding Hope Daily



☞ Everyone needs a daily dose
of HOPE

☞ Everyone needs to know they
are loved . . . unconditionally

Memory Verse:

2 Peter 1.4



☞ *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

☞ 2 Peter 1.4, NIV


The Promises of God, Lesson 3



- ☞ **'All things work together for good' - really?**
- ☞ **Looking at a difficult promise!**

Romans 8, NIV



 ¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.



✻²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.




22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.



✧²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.



 ²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.



☞²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.



✧²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

All things . . . Good??



1. *First, Romans 8:28 doesn't mean we can live any way we choose, and God will fix our messes.*
 - ☞ To understand the truth of **Romans 8:28**, we can't just quote the part of the verse we like: "*And we know that in all things God works for the good...*"
 - ☞ and skip the rest, "*of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*"



☞ When people ask Joni Eareckson Tada why God allows suffering, she often says,

☞ “God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves.”



2. Second, Romans 8:28 tells us God can use all things together for good. He doesn't say all things are good.

☞ All things may not be good, but God can and will use all things for good.



3. its accompanying verse, Romans 8:29 is the ultimate good God wants to accomplish in the lives of his children:

☞ *“For those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” (v. 29).*

God's Purposes:



☞ A wise Bible teacher once told me,
“God allows everything into our lives
for one of two purposes —

☞ either to bring us into a relationship
with himself

☞ or, if we already know him, to make us
more like his Son.”

“And we know.”



- Adrian Rogers, in the Billy Graham training seminar, “Rising Above Your Circumstances,” said,
- “This is not conjecture, this is not happenstance, this is not perhaps, this is not maybe; this is ironclad certainty. ‘We know that all things work together for good.’”

we can have hope



- ☞ Verses like **Romans 8:28** assure us that no suffering is wasted, and God is always at work for *our good and his glory*.
- ☞ When we cannot comprehend why trials come and struggle to imagine that anything good can come from them, we can rest in the security that *God is in control*.
- ☞ Because of this, we can have *hope*.

☞ <https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/3-things-you-never-noticed-in-romans-8-28.html>

Let us pray:



*☞ Father, sometimes I can't understand how you can bring beauty from the ashes of my life. I struggle to trust you with the broken pieces. You say in your Word that without faith it is impossible to please you, and I want to please you. I want to trust you. **I want you to make me more like Jesus** and use my trials for my good and your glory. Help me believe the promise of Romans 8:28. In the strong name of Jesus I ask, Amen*

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