



THE THREAD

weaving Sunday's message through the week

Date: November 7, 2021

Theme: Living by the Spirit considers suffering glorious

Passage: Romans 8:26–30

Why can we be confident that our present sufferings can't compare to our future glory?

1. The Spirit helps in our time of weakness (26-27).
 - a. He intercedes when we don't even know how to pray (26).
 - b. He intercedes in line with God's will since the Father knows the mind of the Spirit (27).
2. God will bring his plan for glorification to completion (28-30).
 - a. Promise: For those that love him, God works all things together for their good to accomplish his purposes (28).
 - b. Purpose: God is working out this good to bring those that love Him to their glorification (29-30).

How do we know this?

 - 1) Those whom He foreknew, He predestined to become like His Son and to be included in His family.
 - 2) Those He predestined, He called.
 - 3) Those He called, He justified.
 - 4) Those He justified, He glorified.

Main Idea: God has always planned to use suffering to display his glory in us.

Application Questions:

- In what ways does the Spirit help in our weakness? Would we be able to sense this work, and if so, have you sensed it before?

- What is the difference in meaning between saying that *all things work together for good for those that love God* and *God works in all things for the good of those that love him*? What does this indicate about God and his plan?

- What is the logical sequence in the chain of salvation events described in vv. 29–30? How is glorification described at the end of v. 30?

- According to this passage, why might God have chosen to include our suffering in his plan? Does this encourage or discourage you?

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