

# Take Them and Learn to Run

Romans 8

Part 2

## Context of Romans...

- written by the apostle Paul around AD57
- to the church in Rome
- included Jewish and Gentile believers
- questions concerning the Law, identity, and salvation
- complete explanation of the gospel message of Jesus Christ

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filled with suffering

that is the transformational journey

that reveals God's glory in us.

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Race to the finish line is ...  
filled with groans  
that lead to **the freedom and glory  
of the children of God;  
the adoption to sonship,  
the redemption of our bodies.**  
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## **<sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. - Romans 8:24**

- We already possess salvation, and on our journey ... even though we experience the benefits of salvation along the way, there is an explosion of our future inheritance at our finish line.

**But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.**

### **Romans 8:24-25**

- If we already possess something fully, we no longer hope for it.
- It is our lack that sets us up to experience hope.
- **wait for it patiently**, is “to look forward with anticipation” with “endurance, perseverance, remaining steadfast under pressure.”

- Paul is giving us a heart posture in our hope.
- God’s hope is to look forward to the very thing we are anticipating, and to do so with endurance, perseverance, even when under pressure.
- desperation is “a state of despair, a loss of hope; feeling that a situation is so bad that there is little or no hope.”

Race to the finish line is ...  
to allow biblical hope  
to be your compass of truth.

**(WHAT WE NEED ON THE TRAIL)**

**<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. Romans 8:26**

- same way hope sustains you while you wait, the Spirit sustains you in your weakness.
- **the Spirit helps** -meaning “to take hold together with someone against a burden.”
- The Spirit does not take the burden away; He takes a hold of the burden with us.

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- **intercedes** - “on behalf of, for the sake of, in place of” and “to approach someone, to petition, to appeal.”
- means “to make an appeal on behalf of another.”

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- “a deep sighing, a cry arising from longing”
- inexpressible, beyond human speech
  
- The Spirit is not groaning because He suffers
- The Spirit is groaning as an “expression of His ministry on behalf of God’s people.”

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- Questions that never get answered ... in that we simply do not know?
- This is our weakness.
- Not the weakness that says you need to be stronger
- Weakness that is only strengthened through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Race to the finish line is ...  
ran best  
with the best coach in the world,  
Holy Spirit.

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**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. Romans 8:27**

- **He who searches our hearts, “examines thoroughly, explores deeply” humanity’s “seat of thought; a place of desires and intentions.”**

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- **knows the mind of the Spirit**, “knows completely, understands fully” the “intention; purpose, mindset, desire” of the Holy Spirit.
- Paul is saying that Father God precisely knows Holy Spirit's intentions, because the Holy Spirit is making intercession on our behalf that is always in complete agreement with God's own will.

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