

Take Them and Learn to Run

Romans 8:27-28

Part 4

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

- The race to the finish line is ...
- biblical hope to be your compass of truth.
- ran best with the best coach in the world, Holy Spirit.

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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.

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

(WHAT WE NEED ON THE TRAIL)

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.

- **all things**, he literally means “all things”
- **works (works together, NKJV)** synergy - “cooperates, combines, brings many pieces into one outcome.”
- speaking directly to believers...who have a relationship with Jesus Christ

- God's sovereign work is not dependent on our perfect behavior, but our partnership with Him does affect how we experience and participate in that work.
- Paul is not saying God only works when believers cooperate with Him.
- Paul is saying God is continually working for those who belong to Him.
- **Genesis 50**, Joseph

Race to the finish line is ...
ran with confidence
KNOWING God is at work!

(REALITY OF THE TRAIL)

- The race to the finish line is ...
- filled with suffering that is the transformational journey that reveals God's glory in us.
- 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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