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Introduction

As Believers, we are often viewed and labeled as being **unconcerned** about situations and circumstances. There are those who look at our response to certain situations and assume that we are **unconcerned**. They hear our dialogue and monitor our demeanor and conclude that we just don't care like everyone else.

When everything is chaotic, we still keep calm

When everything is problematic and people are panicking, we maintain our peace

When people are complaining, we remain confident

When everyone is emotional, we remain stable

It's not that we are unconcerned.... We just **KNOW SOME THINGS**

So many people operate on assumptions, feelings, and personal beliefs

As believers we **STAND** on what we **KNOW**...

Car Wreck Illustration ~ I KNOW

Introduction

How Do *You Know* ~ What Gives that *Confident Assurance*

What I've Seen

I've Seen God opened doors in my life

I've Seen God make ways in my life

I've seen God heal my body

I've seen God keep me in my right mind

I've seen God provide in the final hour

I've Seen God show me favor while I was unfaithful

I've Seen God pull me out of some tight situations

I've Seen God Deliver Me From Hurt, Harm, and Danger

I've Seen God Do Some Incredible Things In My Life I Didn't Deserve

I've Seen God Withhold Punishment, Judgment, and Consequences

I've Seen God Fix Broken Relationships

SO When I Reflect On What I've Seen

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What God Said

I Will Never Leave You Nor Forsake You

If You Abide In Me and My Words Abide In You, You Can Ask What You Will

I Know The Plans I Have For You...Plans to Prosper and Not To Harm You, Give You Hope and A Future

I Will Supply All Your Needs

Eyes Have Not Seen and Ears Have Not Heard, The Good Things That God Has For Me

He Will Keep Me In Perfect Peace

When I Think About What I've Seen and When I Think About What He Said....

This knowledge gives me confidence in a crisis

This knowledge gives me courage in my circumstances

This knowledge gives me strength in my struggle

This knowledge gives me peace in my predicaments

This knowledge gives me hope despite my heartaches

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YOU CAN'T MAKE ME DOUBT HIM.....I KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT HIM

We Know The Power of Prayer In Every Predicament

Romans 8:26-27 (NLT)

*26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, **we don't know what God wants us to pray for**. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.*

*27 **And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying,** for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.*

Paul begins in vs. 22 saying that **We KNOW** that all Creation will suffer **We KNOW** that although we have the Holy Spirit, we are not excluded from suffering

The Holy Spirit does not exclude us from suffering but INTERCEDES during Suffering

In our weakness, there are critical conversations during the crisis

~ *We Talk with each other*

~ *We Talk with the Father*

~ *The Holy Spirit Talks with the Father on our Behalf*

Paul says, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS US TO SAY...

BUT We KNOW We Have someone pleading on our BEHALF...

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There is Power In Prayer ~ Not In Our Intellect but INTERCESSION

While We Are HURTING ~ There is Harmony being MADE....

While we are Praying God is Already Working It Out On Our Behalf

My Assurance Begins With Knowing I Have An Advocate

One Who Comes Along and Pleads My Case...

The Holy Spirit says, This Is What He Wants, BUT this is What He Needs...

He is asking for more Money ~ But Give Him Mercy that Endures

He is asking to get out of the situation ~ But Give Him Strength to Endure

We Know The Providence Of God In Every Predicament

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Romans 8:28 (NIV)

*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.*

Romans 8:28 (NASB)

*28 And we know that **God** causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those
who are called according to His purpose.*

*When we look at the various translations, we find something rather interesting in the **PLACEMENT**
of God...NKJV says, **and we know that all things**..... NASB says, **God causes all things to work together
for good**.... NIV says, **In all things, God works for the good of those who love Him**... We will never truly
understand this verse if we put God at the end and not at the beginning.*

*Some people look at life as a roll of the dice- sometimes you win and sometimes you lose... They say that
God will allow this stuff to happen and then show up in the end to make things work out alright...*

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In reality, God is there at the beginning...he is there at the end, and he is there at every point in between... God directs the affairs of life in such a way that, the outcome is always beneficial.

God is actively at work in our lives

This is Divine Providence

Providence comes from the words, "Pro" which means "before;" and "Video" which means "to see."

Therefore, providence means "to see before." This means that God sees beforehand and plans accordingly. That is why God's plans very rarely line up with our plans.... Because God is God, he doesn't work on our timetable, and he doesn't obligate himself to explain his purposes in advance.

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Story of Joseph

His brothers hated him... wanted to kill him... sold him into slavery, taken to Egypt....

Genesis 45:7

And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, & to preserve many survivors.

Falsely accused of rape & imprisoned. Was forgotten for 2 years by one who promised to help him.

For 17 years Joseph didn't deserve how he was treated. His life was up & down...

What seemed good (Getting out of pit), went bad (Sold to slavery). Seemed good (Potiphar House), went bad again (Accused of rape... prison). Seemed good again (Cupbearer to get him out of prison), went bad AGAIN (Forgotten for 2 years). But in the End, God Worked For The Good

Finally

Genesis 50:20, Joseph says to his brothers, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive...”

Joseph is not the Only One With This Testimony.... God Worked It For Good

We Know That Painful Predicaments Are Included In God's Purpose

Romans 8:28 (NASB)

28 And we know that God causes **ALL THINGS** to **WORK TOGETHER** for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His **PURPOSE**.

*Not most, not some, not a few things, but **ALL things** work together... Even the things we don't understand... All things is utterly comprehensive...having no qualifications or limits... no restrictions, exceptions or conditions...No fine print...*

Whatever you are dealing with is included in the all...

The things in and of themselves are not good....Death, sin, sickness, suffering, persecution, grief, heartache, heartbreak, divorce, and evil are not good...

The world is filled with evil, hatred, and persecution... But God will use these things for his purpose/plan

God Uses Negative Things For Positive Purpose

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*The phrase "Work Together" is really one word – "**sunergon**" in Greek. This is where we get our English word synergy... It is what happens when you put two or more elements together to form something brand new that neither could form separately. Things are not productive in ISOLATION, but when put in the mix...produces something positive...*

*For example, ordinary table salt is composed of two poisons, **sodium and chlorine**...*

*In a lab, mix several bottles together to make a medicine...Some of chemicals may be dangerous, even fatal, but when they are mixed together in the **proper amounts**, they can heal your body.*

God takes our problems, and our situations, which look so terrible, and he mixes them all together with love and produces something wonderful.

He takes bitter and sweet, good and bad, and works them for God's glory.

How Do We Know Something Good Is Coming....

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