



DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING

finding clarity in the chaos



NOTES

for today's message

- What does God say to His people when we have chaos in our lives?

ROMANS 8:18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

- Paul knew suffering better than most and says it is nothing compared to the the glory God has for us.

2 CORINTHIANS 11: 23-28 I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. 24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; 26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; 27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. 28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

ROMANS 8:19-25 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been **groaning together** in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

- This text tells us there will be a day when all this suffering is wiped clean. Until that happens, how can we respond to chaos?

- When chaos begins to overwhelm you, **hold onto God**.
- The One who holds on to you is the sovereign God.
- **SOVEREIGN** - powerful and authoritative to the extent of being able to override all other powers and authorities.

EPHESIANS 1:11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

PSALM 115:3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

JOB 42:2 “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

Why God’s sovereignty is important:

- God has everything in his control, even chaos.
- Nothing can overpower Him.
- This is how we discover clarity in these seasons of uncertainty.
- **The remedy for Suffering is Sovereignty**

2 THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT SUFFERING AND SOVEREIGNTY:

1. God will pray for you when you can’t.

ROMANS 8:26-27 Likewise God helps us in our weakness...

- Paul says God the Spirit prays for us
- Remember that God is made up of 3 persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

ROMANS 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

ROMANS 8:26 The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

- When chaos has you stuck and you’re not even sure you can pray, God’s own Spirit will intercede for you.

2. God will grow you through your chaos.

ROMANS 8:28-30 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

- He calls us according to His purpose
 - He foreknows us
 - He predestines us
 - He justifies us
 - Glorifies us
- God's plan for everyone who belongs to Him is to make us look more and more like His Son → **God will grow you.**

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

- God will use every circumstance to do the ultimate good, which is making you look more like Jesus Christ.
- Only a sovereign God can take chaos and suffering and turn them into brushes to paint an ever-clearer picture of Jesus in you.
- **Our real hope is not found in how strongly you are holding on to Jesus, but on how strongly He is holding on to you.**

ROMANS 8:31-39 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more