



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

When God Uses What We Don't Understand

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Highlighted Scripture

Romans 8:28

God works through every situation—both good and difficult—for the ultimate good of those who love Him and are living according to His purpose.

Discussion Questions

- How does your understanding of “all things work together for good” change when you focus on God’s purpose instead of personal comfort?**
- Why is it often difficult to see how painful or evil situations could be used by God?**
- What does it look like to rely on the Holy Spirit instead of your own strength in difficult moments?**
- Why do you think praying for others—especially those who have done wrong—is so challenging?**

➤ **How does the example of the thief on the cross shape your understanding of grace and salvation?**

Reflection Challenge

This week, focus on trusting God with situations that don't make sense or feel "good."

Ask yourself:

➤ **Am I expecting God to make my life easier, or to make me more like Christ?**

➤ **Where am I trying to handle things in my own strength instead of relying on the Holy Spirit?**

➤ **Is there someone difficult in my life that God may be calling me to pray for?**

Try this:

Pray intentionally for someone you would normally struggle to pray for

When facing a difficult situation, pause and ask: "How could God use this for His purpose?"

Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, reactions, and actions

Remember

God's "good" is about shaping you into Christ—not just improving your circumstances

Even painful experiences can be used for a greater purpose

You are not meant to do God's work in your own strength

Grace extends further than we often expect—even to those we struggle to forgive

Prayer

Father God,

Help me trust You even when I don't understand what You are doing.

Teach me to rely on Your Spirit instead of my own strength.

Give me the humility and courage to pray for others—even when it's difficult.

Shape my heart to reflect Your grace and Your purpose.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

