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Sermon: In Christ: All Things Work Together

Scripture:

Romans 8:26-30

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[a] in harmony with God's own will. 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn[c] among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory. **Romans 8:26-30**

The Central Idea:

God, through the Holy Spirit, is actively involved in our lives, especially during moments of weakness and suffering. He works all things together for our ultimate good, conforming us to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. This passage reassures us of God's good plan for our lives, from our call to our eventual glorification.

The Outline:

- 1. In Christ, The Spirit Helps in My Weakness (Romans 8:26-27)
- 2. In Christ, God Works ALL Things for My Good (Romans 8:28)
- 3. In Christ, God's Eternal Purpose for Me is Being Accomplished (Romans 8:29-30)

Conclusion:

God is at work in our lives through every circumstance. As followers of Christ, we're invited to trust in God's purpose and the intercession of the Holy Spirit, especially in times of weakness and suffering. All believers can find peace and strength in the assurance that God is working all things together for our good and His glory.

Life Application Sermon Guide

1. How can we become more attuned to the Holy Spirit's intercession in our daily lives, especially in moments of weakness and uncertainty?

Follow-up: Consider keeping a prayer journal to track instances where you feel the Spirit's guidance and reflect on these moments regularly.

2. How can we recognize and embrace the good that God is working in our lives during times of suffering and confusion?

Follow-up: Join a small group or find a spiritual mentor who can provide support and help you see God's work during difficult times.

3. What practical steps can we take to grow in Christlikeness daily?

Follow-up: Establish a routine that includes daily Bible reading, prayer, and acts of service, seeking to model Jesus in all areas of life.

4. How can we share the hope of glorification with others in a way that is encouraging and uplifting?

Follow-up: Use personal testimonies and stories from Scripture to illustrate the hope we have in Christ and encourage others to hold onto this hope.

5. In what ways can understanding God's complete plan for our salvation impact the way we live our daily lives and face our challenges?

Follow-up: Meditate on passages that speak of God's sovereignty and purpose, and remind yourself daily that your life is part of His greater plan.