

"I'M A SURVIVOR"

Romans 8:18-29a – Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) 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. 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. 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. For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son ...

Good News in Bad Times:

1. **God promises that suffering has an expiration date.**

- Today's suffering is nothing compared to tomorrow's glory.
- Be joyful in hope; be patient in suffering.

2. **God's presence helps us in our weakness.**

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- He knows our hearts and pleads on our behalf.
- He has authority over all creation.

3. **God's purpose continues in spite of our circumstances.**

- To make us more like Jesus.
- To reveal who His children really are.

Coming Soon:

1. **Good News Club:** DRC has an incredible opportunity to impact kids in our community this school year. We are partnering with the Good News Club ministry to help kids in the school system learn more about Jesus. If you would like to find out more information, join us July 24 at 6:30pm.
2. **Baptism Sunday:** Baptism is how we show others our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. If you have never gone public with your decision to follow Jesus, sign up at the Connect Center today. Our next Baptism Sunday is July 28.
3. **Life Groups:** Don't do life alone. We are better together. Our fall Life Group semester begins soon. If you're interested in joining a Life Group, sign up for more information at the Connect Center. If you're interested in starting a Life Group, email tammy.randlett@danriverchurch.org.
4. **Men's Night Out:** Calling all guys! Make plans now to join us Friday, August 23 for a great night of fun activities, competition, and inspiration. We live in a world full of chaos and blaming others. It's time we become men of God. Sign-ups begin soon.