



Route 66, Romans 8

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Romans 8:26-39

8:26 *“In the same way, the Spirit helps (us in) our weakness.”*

Meaning—we live in a constant state of weakness.

We always need God to help us.

We easily tend to think we are providing for our own needs. Truth—we are weak.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *“Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”* (There is purpose in our weakness.)

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

**when we feel self-sufficient...we are not. We need the Holy Spirit in everything. He is a helper.

“The Holy Spirit will not force you to do the right thing”

John 14:16-17 *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever the Spirit of truth.”*

Romans 8:26-27 *“...We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”*

The Holy Spirit

John 14:26 *“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

Jude 1:20 *“But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,”*

Titus 3:5 *“He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit”*

Romans 6:3 *“...don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?”*

John 3:5-8 “Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.’”

I Thessalonians 1:6 “You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 13:14 “May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Galatians 5:19-26 “The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Ephesians 5:18 “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit”

I Corinthians 12:4 “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”

John 16:8 “When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.”

John 15:26 “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.”

2 Thessalonians 2:6-10 “And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”

I Corinthians 2:10-11 “These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

I Corinthians 2:12-13 “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.”

Romans 8:28 *“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.”*

*Not happiness

*His will is - that you would become more and more like Christ.

Romans 8:29 *“For those God foreknew (He knew you would come to him by Faith) he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*

Romans 8:30 *“And those he predestined (destiny set, planned out) ((Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.)) he also called; (summoned) those he called, he also justified; (acquitted) those he justified, he also glorified.”*

Foreknowledge – God knows all those who will come to Him

Predestined - planned out

Called – summoned

Justified - acquitted

Glorified – (past tense) already done

Gods perspective is timeless. He sees all things at once

Joshua 24:15 *“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

Revelation 3:20 *“Here I am! (Behold) I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”*

Romans 8:30-39 More Than Conquerors

8:31 *“What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”*

8:31 These things-

8:1 There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

8:15 we have received the spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry “Abba Father”

8:17 we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

8:18 ...the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

8:26 ...the spirit helps us in our weakness...and...intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words.

8:29 For those God foreknew (He knew you would come to him by Faith)
He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son....

8:30 And those he predestined (to mark out a destiny, destiny is set) he also called; (summoned) those he called, he also justified; (acquitted) those he justified, he also glorified.

8:31 Who can be against us-
There is no one greater than God. No one can over rule Him.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*

Ephesians 4:27 *“and do not give the devil a foothold.”*

8:32 *“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”*

8:33 *“Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.”*

8:34 *“Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.”*

8:35 *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?”* (What the early church was going through)

Answer: NOTHING.

Philippians 1:6 *“being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Our Challenge- Believing that God loves us. We think of ourselves first.

“But, I....”

Truth is - it isn't about us. Of course you don't deserve it. We don't deserve Gods Love. And NEVER WILL.

8:36 *“As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’”*

8:37 *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”*

Negative things in your life are powerless to hurt you because of God.

Negative things in our lives are seen as negative by us but NOT by God.

Negative things in our lives are apart of our journey.

God uses the negative things in your life to mold you to be more like His Son.

Impossible means nothing to God.

8:38 *“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,”*

8:39 *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*