

Series: Live by Faith (Romans 8)

Title: The Spirit Helps Us in Our Weakness

Scripture: Romans 8:18-30

Sept. Scripture Memory: Romans 8:1, 28 or ALL of Romans 8

The painful realities for all: (vs. 18-30)

- 1. This present life is full of suffering. (v. 18)
 - a. You cannot live good enough lives to avoid suffering. (1 Peter 4:12-19)
- 2. Sin has corrupted creation and creation groans as corruption worsens until Jesus returns. (vs. 19-22)
 - You cannot escape corruption. Wherever there is creation there is sin. Wherever there is sin there is corruption.
- 3. We groan under the weight of suffering and the effects of sin. (vs. 22-23, 26)
 - a. You cannot even know what to pray for. (v. 26)

The powerful realities for those who are in Christ: (vs. 18-30)

- 1. The future glory is infinitely better than our suffering. (vs. 18-21)
 - a. The glory of God that will be revealed completely swallows present suffering. (v. 18)
 - b. Creation will be set free from the effects of sin and transformed when Christ returns and the dead in Christ rise. (vs. 19-21)
 - c. Our bodies will be physically redeemed at the resurrection. (vs. 22-23)
- 2. The Spirit helps us in our current weakness. (vs. 24-27)
 - a. The Spirit intercedes in prayer for us with godly groanings. (vs. 26-27)
 - b. The entire Trinity is interceding for us.
- 3. God is using all things to make me more like Jesus. (v. 28)
 - a. Our good is being conformed to the image of Christ.
- 4. God is perfectly finishing what He started in us. (vs. 29-30)

