

*Through the Chaos of Circumstance*  
*Romans 8:26-39*

In Rom. 8, God attempts to help us navigate a fundamental \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christian life: that despite our identity as children of God, we are subject to the same \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the rest of creation. In fact, God's word acknowledges that sometimes the pain, whether physical or emotional, is so bad that we don't even know how to \_\_\_\_\_—that the Spirit of God within us groans for us and the Father understands.

Paul's own experience offers a good look at the deep, confusing pain that a believer can experience. After years of suffering for the \_\_\_\_\_ and finally being \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome, he wrote in Philippians 1 that he didn't know how to pray; ask to \_\_\_\_\_ and be with the Lord or to \_\_\_\_\_ and continue to encourage his churches.

But in Romans 8, Paul expressed a promise for believers. Though we share in the same struggles and suffering as the rest of creation, for those who love Him, those called according to His purpose, God works in our lives so that all things, both those things which are \_\_\_\_\_ and those which are \_\_\_\_\_, guide us toward the "good." The word translated "good" doesn't refer to \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure. It refers to His perfect and blessed \_\_\_\_\_ and plan for your life. God uses our circumstances to guide us to be more like \_\_\_\_\_, and as a result to experience a life that is purposeful, \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_ to the world and the kingdom.

God has been \_\_\_\_\_ our lives so that all things, both what we consider good and pleasurable or bad and painful, are guiding us toward His good and perfect will for our lives that will result in purpose and blessing and ultimately \_\_\_\_\_.

We can be sure because of verse 32: "He who did not \_\_\_\_\_ His own Son, but \_\_\_\_\_ Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us \_\_\_\_\_?"

Whatever you're facing today, He won't \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.