

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

May – The Role of the Missionary—Holy Spirit's Part vs Our Part

Week 20: God Helps Us in Our Weaknesses

Romans 8:18-21

- No matter the severity of our sufferings, no matter the depth of the despair caused by our challenges as Christians, all hardships pale in comparison to the surpassing glory that awaits us.
- Every bit of suffering that we go through is worth it, every challenge, every obstacle, every hardship is worth it. Not only to us, but all of creation is eagerly waiting for our full transformation, for heaven and our heavenly bodies and the eternal change that will take place.
 - *What about heaven makes our suffering worthwhile?*
 - *What about bringing other people to heaven with us will make the suffering it takes to find them and help them worth it?*
 - *Why do we fear suffering?*

Romans 8:22-27

- As we face difficulties and as we suffer, the Holy Spirit knows exactly what we need to help us in our weakness. We may not fully understand what we need or what is best, but God intimately knows us and understands what we truly need. He understands what is ultimately best for us, the Kingdom as a whole, and those He has placed around us.
 - *What is a time in your life when God's plan was greater than your plan?*
 - *Why should we trust God's ultimate guidance over our own?*

Romans 8:28-30

- God works everything out for our good and the good of His Kingdom. Even our sufferings and our hardships are being allowed because of the benefit they create for us later. God never wastes any of our challenges, they are always used to mold us into something great.
 - *What makes it difficult to trust God during challenges?*
 - *How have the challenges you have faced worked out for your good or the good of the Kingdom?*

Application: Take time to finish reading the rest of Romans chapter 8, realize that you are more than conquerors! Everything that happens in our life, God uses to mold us, to change us, to help us, and to help others. We just need to be willing to trust Him.

Write out ways that challenges have worked out well for you or those around you, take time to reflect on how God has molded you through suffering and things you are thankful for now that you hated in the moment.