

A LIFE OF EXPECTANCY
Romans 8 - Part 3
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You Can Handle ANY Problem When You Remember...

1. You share your SUFFERINGS with Christ.

Romans 8:17 (NIV) *"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory."*

John 16:23 (NIV) *"In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. Very truly I tell you, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My name."*

2. Your present sufferings are not worth COMPARING to your future glory.

Romans 8:18 (NIV) *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."*

2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV) *"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."*

The 3 "GROANS" in Romans 8:

- **CREATION groans.**

Romans 8:19-22 (NIV) *"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."*

It began as a GOOD creation.

It became a FALLEN creation.

Genesis 3:16a,17-18 (NIV) *"To the woman He (God) said, 'I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.' ¹⁷ To Adam He (God) said, 'Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field."*

It now waits as a **GROANING** creation.

One day it will become a **GLORIOUS** creation.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (GW) *“But as Scripture says: ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.’”*

- **WE** groan.

Romans 8:23 (NIV) *“Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”*

We Groan because...

We’re waiting for our ADOPTION.

We’re waiting for our REDEMPTION.

Pain REMINDS you that this world isn’t all there is.

Pain builds CHARACTER that will last for eternity.

Romans 8:25 (NIV) *“But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”*

- The **Holy Spirit** groans.

Romans 8:26-27 (NIV) *“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ 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.”*

3. In all things God WORKS for your good.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *“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.”*

Romans 8:29 (NIV) *“For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”*