

SANCTIFICATION PT 4 - How Bad Things Work For Your Good

Small Group Notes

Romans 8:26 *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

- When bad things happen to you, you usually (honestly choose the most accurate letter):
 - a. plan your revenge.
 - b. question God.
 - c. pray for direction.
 - d. call a sympathetic friend.
- Imagine the Holy Spirit *within* you interceding *for* you to the Father after searching your heart. This action would probably lead you to:
 - a. see things differently.
 - b. receive fresh revelation.
 - c. repent.
 - d. leave the church.

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

- In your life, how has God turned around something bad and caused it to result in something good?
- What do you think it means to “love God and be called according to His purpose”?
- Why do you think God allows Christians to go through times of trouble?
- Do you agree or disagree with this statement:

“Sometimes God allows trials to wake us up spiritually. If a person is not loving God with all his/her heart and not called according to His purpose, that bad thing might not work together for his/her good, but rather to draw him/her back to God.”

- Consider this comment:

“God wasn't glorified by the storm I walked through, but he was more glorified by the victory I won through the Holy Spirit as I came through it than if I would have never faced the storm at all.”

Agree? Disagree?

- How does a person know if they are in the will of God?

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