**ROMANS 8c**

**IT WILL WORK OUT!**

We ended our last study talking about **new bodies** someday… **V 23 (NLT)** And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as His adopted children, including the new bodies He has promised us.

I mentioned a couple of aches and pains and one of you who loves me suggested I try “Relief Factor…” AND I MIGHT!

The best relief would be to hear the shout and the trumpet from heaven… May it be soon Lord!

Until then… We believe by faith, right? Listen to V24…

**SEEING IS NOT FAITH**

24 For we were saved in this hope,

* What hope? The hope of a new body…

but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. **(CONFIDENT waiting!)**

* Chuck Smith calls perseverance being sustained by hope.
* Waiting on God and praising Him as if we already saw what we are praying about.
  + Some call it praying with expectancy. Asking with anticipation.
  + What are we waiting upon the Lord for? The Rapture. Salvation of a loved one. A new liver? A mate? Work? A mate that works?
* **BUT we have a helper as we wait…..**

**THE BEST PRAYER PARTNER**

26 Likewise the Spirit **also** helps in our weaknesses.

* When we just don’t know WHAT words to pray…
* Am I the ONLY person that this happens to? NO?
* Father… Papa… PLEASE help this precious family… They love You with all of their hearts… They have served You faithfully for years and now they are suffering untold pain and sorrow. Won’t You help them?
  + Courson suggests that what we CANNOT see is that perhaps the Lord is shaping that individual or entire family for what HE wants them to be throughout eternity…
  + I just want to see them comforted. I pray that word A LOT for you all.
* **SO… Sometimes we just don’t know what words to pray so….**

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.

* This might mean one of two things… One – That we just don’t have words and a sound comes out of us that is lie a sigh… UGH!
* OR… It could be that the Holy Spirit helps us with a prayer language that cannot be uttered WIOTH words we understand… Listen to David Guzik:
* **GUZIK -** The help that the Holy Spirit brings to express our **groanings which cannot be uttered** may include praying in the spiritual gift of tongues (1Co\_14:2; 1Co\_14:14-15), but it is certainly not *limited* to praying in an unknown tongue. The idea is simply of communication beyond our ability to express - deep **groanings** within us, which cannot be articulated apart from the interceding work of the Holy Spirit. This, of course, is the *purpose* of the gift of tongues - to enable us to communicate with God in a manner that is not limited to our own knowledge or ability to articulate our heart before God. The purpose of tongues *is not* to prove that we are “filled with the Spirit” or especially spiritual. The Holy Spirit’s help in intercession is perfect, WHY? V27

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.**

* I can hear a couple of you asking: Pastor, Do I HAVE to speak in tongues? **NO**
* Can’t I just pray and ask God to guide my prayers? **YUP**
* Is it really amazing to pray in tongues? **OH YES!**
* **Do you highly suggest I pray about that gift? For sure…**
* Does the Holy Spirit STILL make intercession for me if I pray differently than you? **He sure does. HE loves you and He loves to make intercession for you!**
* **Will things always work out? Yes. How do I know? By believing the next verse…**

**ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER**

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.

* OKAY… HOW will things work out? Well… THAT is the part where faith comes in…
* **SMITH** – Sometimes we NEED to know how things will work out, but many times we do not.
  + **When I don’t understand what God is doing**… I fall back on **WHAT I DO** understand: That He is working all things together for good.
  + We might ask expecting one kind of answer…” like **YES!** But sometimes… God in His purpose gives us a different kind of answer… or **No**. Or **wait**… Why? What is He busy doing?
* **He is conforming us…**

**THEOLOGY CLASS IS IN!**

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

* **NLT** - For **God knew His people in advance**, and He chose them to become like His Son, so that His Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. **GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE**
* SO… God is working in us to conform us to be more like His Son… Sometimes this is a wonderful and glorious experience… A mountain top encounter with the Holy Spirit….
* But… Sometimes getting us to move is like loosening a rusty bolt… How do you remove a rusty bolt from an old car? You heat it up! (Do not try this)
* LESSON: Do not be a rusty bolt…. Do not be stubborn, unteachable, too set in your ways, closed to the Lord leading you some place new or scary.
* **CHUCK SMITH** – Never give up what you know for something you don’t know… EX: Do you know exactly what God is up to? No. BUT, do you know that everything will work together for good in God’s hands? **YES!**

**JESUS CALLING**

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. ***Speaking of future events as if done!***

* **IF you are a born again Christian… It is because GOD chose you.**
* **If God chose you, it is because He knew you would choose Him.**
* **You chose Him because of faith… AND He knew you would choose Him. Got it? He NEVER chooses a loser!**

**GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE DECLARED…**

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? **AWESOME!**

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? **THANK YOU**

33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. **WHAT A RELIEF**

* **PSALM 32** - **A psalm of David.** Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! 2 Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty!

34 Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. **WHAT A GREAT REPRESENTATIVE!**

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER." **PSALM 44** **Sons of Korah**

* We are not to be like stubborn and annoying goats… We are to be like God’s sheep. Gentle… Obedient. Followers of the Shepherd.
* **COURSON** - We're to be lambs. We're to be salt that's sprinkled to add flavor, create thirst, and bring healing. We're to be light that illuminates, not dominates. And know this: From the world's perspective, we'll never win. If you don't understand this, you'll be frustrated, disillusioned, embittered. **We're not conquerors. We're more than conquerors.**

37 Yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us. ***VICTORY BEFORE THE BATTLE AS WELL!***

**GUARANTEED LOVE!**

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, ***(Demons)*** nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**SO… Are we celebrating victory TODAY in anticipation of more battles to come? THAT is being more than conquerors!**