

The Heart of the Matter

Lesson 11

Romans 8:18-27

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<p>Romans 8:18-27</p> <p>Present Suffering and Future Glory</p> <p>¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ 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^[h] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.</p> <p>²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.</p> <p>²⁶ 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.</p>			

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Suffering vs. Future Glory

Scriptures:

Job 13:15-16a
Heb. 4:15-16
1 Peter 4:12-13

Questions:

How are you (or someone you love) suffering right now? Make a list of the possible ways God might use this for future glory.
How has God redeemed suffering in your past?

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Lecture Notes
