



## Message Reflections

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“A wise sufferer will look not inward, but outward. There is no more effective healer than a wounded healer, and in the process the wounded healer's own scars may fade away.” — Philip Yancey, *Where Is God When It Hurts?*

### **Read: Romans 8:18-27**

It is vital for Christians to have a right view on suffering, and to have a right view about how we respond in our hearts to trial and pain. The apostle Paul talks about this in Romans 8 because he knows that suffering is a very real reality to our human experience in a fallen world.

### **Reflect:**

- What things have caused you pain, sorrow, and/or tears? What would life be like without those things in your life?
- Have you experienced feeling too weak to pray with words? How does it encourage you that the Spirit intercedes for you?

***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 8:28**

- Which outworking of the truth of Romans 8:28 most grips you today?
- Is there a way you are seeking to change your circumstances, where instead you need to seek to change your heart's attitude toward them?

God is using everything that happens in your life—including those things that seem utterly senseless—to prepare you for future glory. In this life, we won't know the answer to the question “Why?” But in the life to come, we will either know the answer or it won't matter, because the glory will be so great that we will simply forget the pain of the past. Either way, we will end up completely satisfied.