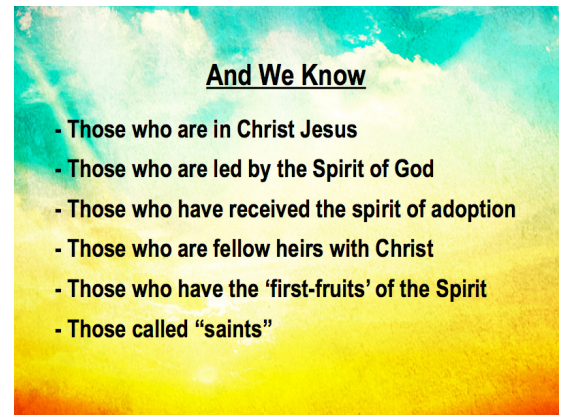




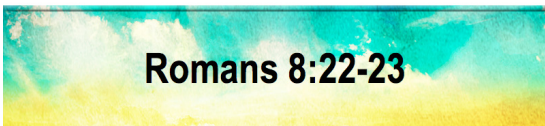
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### **And We Know**

- Those who are in Christ Jesus
- Those who are led by the Spirit of God
- Those who have received the spirit of adoption
- Those who are fellow heirs with Christ
- Those who have the 'first-fruits' of the Spirit
- Those called "saints"

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### **Romans 8:22-23**

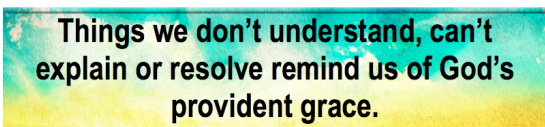
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### **And We know...**

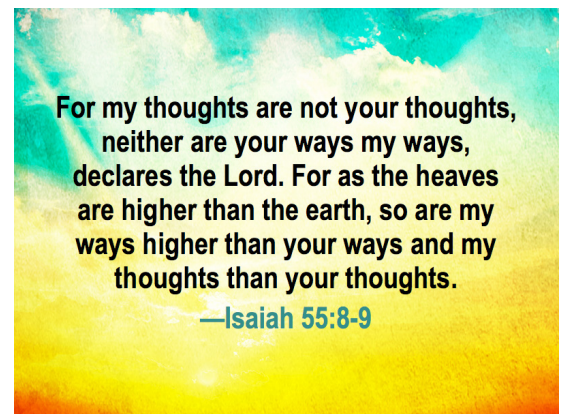
### **God works Constructively in our Lives**

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**Things we don't understand, can't explain or resolve remind us of God's provident grace.**

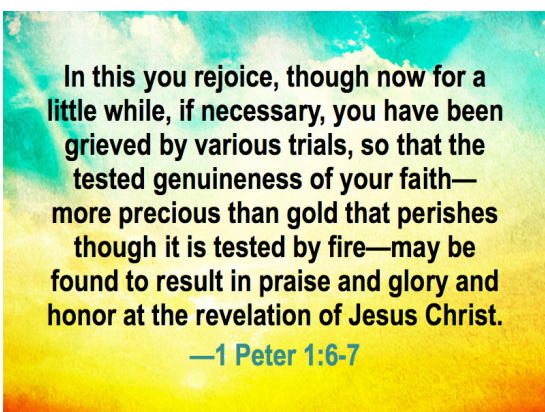
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**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**—Isaiah 55:8-9**

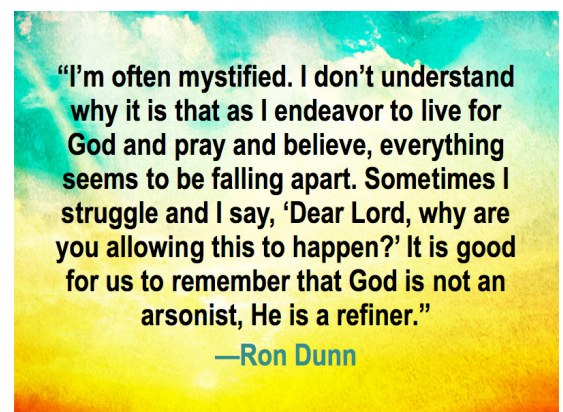
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**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**—1 Peter 1:6-7**

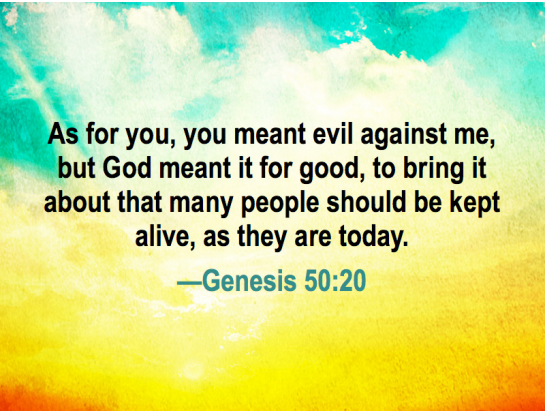
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**"I'm often mystified. I don't understand why it is that as I endeavor to live for God and pray and believe, everything seems to be falling apart. Sometimes I struggle and I say, 'Dear Lord, why are you allowing this to happen?' It is good for us to remember that God is not an arsonist, He is a refiner."**

**—Ron Dunn**

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As for you, you meant evil against me,  
but God meant it for good, to bring it  
about that many people should be kept  
alive, as they are today.

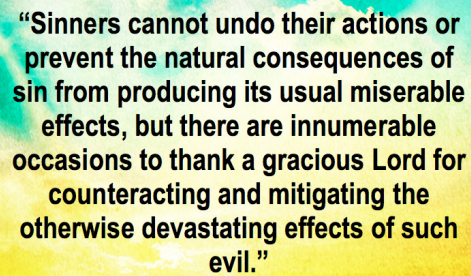
—Genesis 50:20

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Things we have done that bring shame,  
injury, and adversity can make us  
'trophies of grace.'

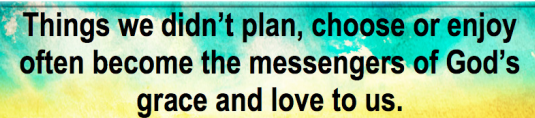
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"Sinners cannot undo their actions or  
prevent the natural consequences of  
sin from producing its usual miserable  
effects, but there are innumerable  
occasions to thank a gracious Lord for  
counteracting and mitigating the  
otherwise devastating effects of such  
evil."

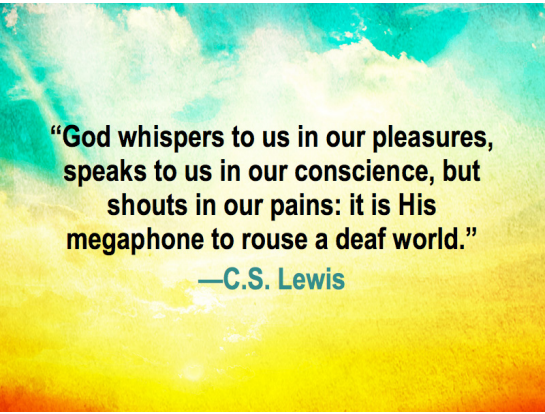
—Walk Kaiser

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Things we didn't plan, choose or enjoy  
often become the messengers of God's  
grace and love to us.

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"God whispers to us in our pleasures,  
speaks to us in our conscience, but  
shouts in our pains: it is His  
megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

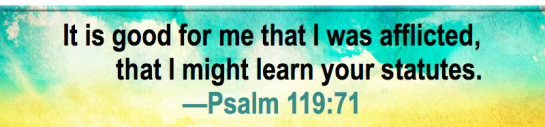
—C.S. Lewis

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**Synergia**

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It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
that I might learn your statutes.

—Psalm 119:71

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And We know...  
**God Works Comprehensively through  
our Circumstances.**

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And We know...  
God works Conformingly toward His Purpose.

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God's work is as particular as it is personal.

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“Loving God is *desiring* God himself beyond his gifts. Loving God is *treasuring* God himself beyond his gifts. Love for God is *delighting* in God himself beyond his gifts. Love for God is *being satisfied* in God himself beyond his gifts. Love for God is *cherishing* God himself beyond his gifts.

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Love for God is savoring God himself beyond his gifts. Love for God is *valuing* God and *prizing* God and *revering* God and *admiring* God beyond his gifts.”

—John Piper

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And he said, “Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

—Job 1:21

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All things work for our good  
Though sometimes we don't  
See how they could  
Struggles that break our hearts in two  
Sometimes blind us to the truth  
Our Father knows what's best for us  
His ways are not our own  
So when your pathway grows dim  
And you just don't see him,  
Remember your never alone

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God is too wise to be mistaken  
God is too good to be unkind  
So when you don't understand  
When you don't see his plan  
When you can't trace his hand  
Trust his heart

—Eddie Carswell, NewSong, and  
Babbie Mason

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