

# GROANING TO GLORY

Romans 8:26–30

We can face life with confidence because...

- The Spirit helps us when we don't know how to PRAY. *Romans 8:26–27*

- We know that God ORDERS everything in our lives for our GOOD. *Romans 8:28*

- God's purpose of making us like JESUS will not FAIL. *Romans 8:29–30*



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. When have you seen people's confidence really shaken? What event caused this?
2. What are the different kinds of groaning we read about in Romans 8:22-26. Give examples of each.
3. How does the Spirit's ministry of intercession comfort you? Have you ever experienced a time when you didn't know how to pray, and you groaned to God along with the Spirit?
4. Read Romans 8:28. How have you seen this promise to be true in your life? How does this promise take on new relevance in light of Romans 8:31-37?
5. Consider what John Newton said about the implications of Romans 8:28, "Everything is needful that He sends; nothing can be needful that He withholds." What does this mean in your life?
6. Read Romans 8:29-30. What does this tell us about God's purpose for our lives? How do you see Him fulfilling this purpose in your life?
7. Describe the different links of the golden chain. What is the significance of each?
8. Why is the word "glorified" described as a completed action? How is this a comfort to you?

## MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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