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### Fulfilling Your Purpose

Romans 8:28 “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.”

Breaking down this verse: “And we know” meaning that this is a PROMISE, not a “what if,” “that in all things” meaning both good AND bad, “God works for the good of those who love Him” meaning every obstacle we face works together for the best and they come as no surprise to God. The highs and lows in our life fall perfectly into the purpose God has planned for each of us. “Your world’s not falling apart, it’s falling into place.” - Casting Crowns

Throughout chapter 8 of Romans, the Apostle Paul presents a constant theme of living your life through the Spirit and conquering your sufferings to reveal your future glories that have been brought to you by God. Specifically in verse 28, we are presented with the promise of God’s purpose for us, but we must not remember that this promise is to those that have been called upon and are constantly pursuing God. This verse assures us that no sufferings go unnoticed, and God is consistently working for our good and His glory.

In order to fulfill the purpose that God has so graciously prepared for us, we must remember:

1. We cannot live as one with the world, and also live for God; we must live our life for God by being a faithful believer in Him.
2. His promise doesn’t say that all things are good, but it does declare that all things will be brought together for your own good.
3. We have different purposes, but each one is equally important and is used to glorify Him.
4. God allows everything, successes and failures, to conform us to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.