

**“Finding Blessing In Brokenness” Part 2**  
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**“For My Good” Romans 8:28-39**

*We need a biblical understanding of evil and suffering in the Christian community. We must be prepared by knowing the Bible’s account of God’s sovereign and unchanging plans for “Finding Blessing in Brokenness.”*

**Questions we ask:**

1. Why doesn’t God deliver me from my suffering when I pray? I thought He wanted me happy?
2. Does God have a purpose for suffering? What is it?
3. How do I make it through suffering?

**Evil** is the opposite of all that God is. Our participation with evil is called **sin**. **All suffering is a direct, or indirect, result of sin.** (Genesis 1-3; Romans 6:23; 8:19-21)

**Spiritual “brokenness”** is humbly presenting yourself to God in response to sin and/or suffering. Psalm 51:17

**Blessing #1 – God reveals His eternal glory through us.**  
**2 Cor. 4:5-18**

**Blessings #2 – God uses all suffering for my good.**

**Text: Romans 8:28-39** *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. <sup>29</sup>For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.*

1. Because God is all-powerful and perfectly loving, He can accomplish His highest good in our lives through our suffering.
  - a. He knows all things before they happen to you.
  - b. He is “for” you and came in the person of Jesus to suffer and die for your sin.
    - i. He is compassionate. Jn. 11:33-37
    - ii. He is sympathetic. Heb. 4:15
    - iii. He experienced God’s greatest good through His own suffering. Heb. 5:7
  - c. Jesus continues to intercede for you with God.
  - d. Nothing will ever separate you from His love.
  - e. He was victorious and SO ARE WE!

**Romans 5:2-5** *And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

**So REJOICE!**

**Application Questions:**

1. What suffering are you currently going through?
2. Is it a direct result of your own sin? If so, repent in humble brokenness and receive God’s forgiveness. Then ask for His grace to work through the consequences.
3. If not a result of your sin, present yourself to God in humility and ask that He reveal His glory through you. Ask for his perfect strength in your weakness to see you through.