

THE
ROMANS
PERSPECTIVE

Romans 8:1 → No Condemnation

Romans 8:39 → No Separation

Romans 8:28 → No Defeat

"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

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#1 A singular focus on Jesus will reveal that indeed, God is working in all things, not just some things.

All Things: Hardship, persecution, famine, poverty, danger, life, death, unseen beings, things today, things tomorrow, powers, highs and lows—anything and everything.

ROMANS 8:36-39

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

JEREMIAH 29:11

"We serve a gracious Master who knows how to overrule even our mistakes to His glory and our own advantage."

JOHN NEWTON

God has promised to get me closer to glory in 2018, not without pain, but without stain.

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#2 A singular focus on Jesus will reveal that God is working out his pre-ordained purpose in me.

Purpose: "prothesis" – a preordained plan

"We're God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works that he prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10

Keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus allows me to see every circumstance through the lens of God's eternal purpose, and then to bring my response to life into alignment with those eternal purposes.

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#3 A singular focus on Jesus will reveal that God is using all things to conform me to the likeness of Jesus.

"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."

ROMANS 8:29

Prototokos: prototype – the first of many to come.

"All Things"
- The Divine Chisel

God is more concerned with my holiness than my happiness.

Ultimately, my holiness will lead to eternal happiness.

"Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children... He disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

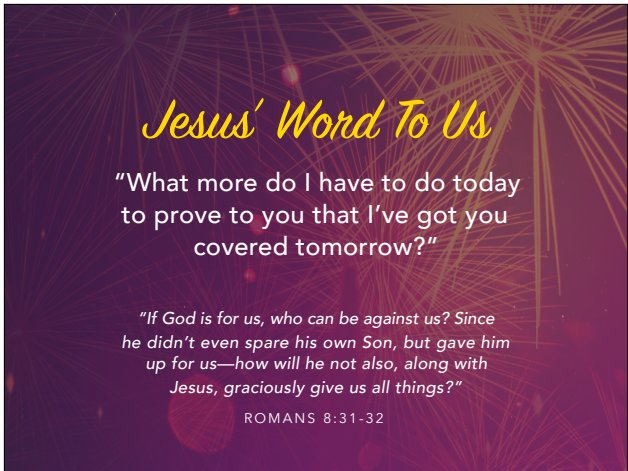
HEBREWS 12:7, 10-11

"The Lord disciplines those he loves."

HEBREWS 12:6

*The 2018
**Vision
Challenge***

I must decide in my heart
and settle in my mind
keep to my eyes on
Jesus, the starter and the
completer of my faith.



Jesus' Word To Us

"What more do I have to do today to prove to you that I've got you covered tomorrow?"

"If God is for us, who can be against us? Since he didn't even spare his own Son, but gave him up for us—how will he not also, along with Jesus, graciously give us all things?"

ROMANS 8:31-32



Making
LIFE WORK

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT 2018

PART 2:
Fix Your Eyes
