

THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN #20
"How To Handle Suffering" pt.2
Romans 8:25-30

Review:

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT SUFFERING:

"...if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."
Romans 8:17b (NKJV)

I. THREE MORE TRUTHS ABOUT SUFFERING:

5. We are able to endure suffering because we are waiting for a _____.

"...But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."
Romans 8:24-25 (NIV)

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Bottom Line: Our greatest reason for enduring the present is because we are _____ of the future.

6. When we're unable to pray (suffering), God's Spirit _____ us.

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. Romans 8:26 (NIV)

7. God allows whatever the Spirit prays for; sometimes _____, sometimes _____.

"And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. 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." Romans 8:27-28 (NIV)

POINT: When we are confused and unable, _____:

They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31
He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God by Him.

Hebrews 7:25

He is able to keep what I have committed to Him. 2 Timothy 1:12

He is able to make all grace about toward you. 2 Corinthians 9:8

He is able to keep you from falling. Jude 24

The life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God. Galatians 2:20

II. HOW _____ IS OUR FUTURE AS BELIEVERS IN 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 (NIV)

DEFINITION: Foreknow = "to know _____."

"And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." Romans 8:30 (NIV)

GOD'S FOREKNOWLEDGE & PREDESTINATION INCLUDE 3 THINGS:

➤ God _____ us.

"...you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him..." John 6:44

➤ God _____ us.

We are: *"...justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Romans 3:24*

One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message." Acts 16:14 (NIV)

➤ God _____ us.

"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Corinthians 15:53

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain..." Revelation 21:4

Closing: Only part of our 'salvation package' that's missing is _____ . Why?

