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Romans Lesson 9: Romans 8:18-39
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Romans 5:2-3

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Groans to Glory

- Suffering while waiting eagerly (vv 17-27)
 - Creation groans (vs 22)
 - We groan (vs 23)
 - Spirit groans (vs26)
- Suffering is part of His purpose (vv 28-30)
- Suffering doesn't separate (vv 31-39)

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“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

Romans 8:18

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John 15:18,20 Jesus said, “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you....*If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you....*”

I Pet 4:12-13 “Beloved, *do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal* among you...as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that ***you share the suffering of Christ***, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.”

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Glory to be revealed...

- God’s glory – the display of His excellence; the beauty of His character and His perfections
- Our glorification – full and complete deliverance from all sin and evil and its effects, so that we become like the Lord and are shown to be like Him

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Suffering while waiting eagerly

- Creation Groans
 - V 19: creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God
 - V 20: creation subjected to futility...in hope
 - Vs21: creation itself will be set free from its slavery into the freedom of the glory of the children of God
 - Vs 22: whole creation groans and suffers the pain of childbirth

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Suffering while waiting eagerly

- We Groan
 - V 23: having first fruits of the Spirit...waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.
 - 2 Cor. 1:22 "set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
 - Ephesians 1:14 "who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory"

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Suffering while waiting eagerly

- We Groan
 - V 24: "For in hope we have been saved..."
 - V 25: "But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it."

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Suffering while waiting eagerly

- Spirit Groans
 - V 26: "...but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."
 - V 27: "...mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

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Suffering is part of His purpose

- Vs 28: "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
- Vs 29: For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

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Golden Chain of Salvation

- God foreknew
- God predestined
- God called
- God justified
- God glorified

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"The glory of salvation does not lie in man's freedom to choose but in God's freedom to bestow such a prized gift on so few ill-deserving objects of his redemptive affection. The value of the precious commodities such as gold, fine diamonds, and pearls lie in their rarity. God's saving grace is likewise a rare jewel."

Scott Christensen, *What About Free Will? Reconciling Our Choices with God's Sovereignty*, p 205

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Suffering does not separate

- LEADER: VS 31 What then shall we say to these things?
- RESPONSE: If God is for us, who is against us?

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- LEADER: VS 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- RESPONSE: God will!

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•LEADER: VS 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect?

•RESPONSE: No one! God is the one who justifies!

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•LEADER: VS 34 Who is the one who condemns?

•RESPONSE: No one!

LEADER: Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

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•LEADER: VS 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

•RESPONSE: No one!

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•LEADER: Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

•RESPONSE: No!

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**“But in all these things we
overwhelmingly conquer through
Him who loved us.”**

Romans 8:37

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Nothing will separate:

- Not any state of existence – death, life
- Not the spirit world – angels, principalities, power
- No event – things present, things to come
- No obstacle in the universe – height, depth
- Not anything in all creation – created thing, including YOU!!!

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**“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is
wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by
day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing
us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all
comparison, as we look not to the things that are
seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things
that are seen are transient, but the things that are
unseen are eternal.**

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

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