

ACCESS

Part 5: God will carry you through!
He's DECREED it! Romans 8:26-30

The Spirit **SUSTAINS** us through to Heaven
vs. 26-27

- We still struggle in our **PRAYER** life
Matthew 20:20-23; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- The Spirit **INTERCEDES** for us
- The Father and the Spirit are on the **SAME PAGE**

The Father **CAUSES** His decreed plan
to be completed vs. 28-30

- The Father weaves **EVERYTHING** in life into 'good'
- God's **FIVE STEP** plan has been **FINALIZED!**
 - He **FOREKNEW** you – Predetermined to personally love you
 - He **PREDESTINED** you – Predetermined to know Him forever
 - He **CALLED** you – Moment of Internal Invitation
 - He **JUSTIFIED** you – Declared Righteous
 - He **GLORIFIED** you – Make it to Heaven

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Life Group Discussion Questions – October 31, 2021

Romans 8:26-27 *In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

DISCOVER (read Romans 8:26-30)

1. Describe a time when you were in a situation that left you at a loss for words but later you realized the perfect thing you could have said. Would this have changed the outcome? What would have been your motive for having the perfect answer?
2. Read Matthew 20:17-23. How do you view the request of the mother of the sons of Zebedee in light of verses 17-19? Why did Jesus respond the way He did?

EXPLORE

1. In Romans 8:26, Paul says "in the same way." What does this mean? What does this teach us about the Holy Spirit?
2. Also in verse 26, Paul refers to "our weakness." Truthfully, we have many weaknesses. What specific shortcoming is he referring to? Why do you think Paul singled it out?
3. How does God's work in this passage revolve around His Spirit? How does it work around His Son? What is our responsibility?
4. Each member of the Holy Trinity has roles to fulfill. Can you identify some of the responsibilities of Each? (see Luke 12:8-10; John 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 1 John 5:7) In the Romans 8:26-30 passage, where do you see these roles being implemented?

EXPERIENCE

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. What was God's "good purpose" for allowing the thorn in Paul's flesh? What is one area in your life that you don't know how to pray about right now? How can God use this circumstance in your life for good? What steps can you take to move towards effective prayer especially in this area?
2. How can other people's sin against us, persecution, losing our job, sickness, or death of relatives, work out for our good? What is Satan's intention when these things happen? What quality does this teach us God has? Any examples in the Bible of seemingly bad things working out for good? Any examples in your own life? What effect should the knowledge of this doctrine have on our daily lives? How should it change our attitude and our outlook?
3. God, the Father, has decreed that His plan is the only plan that gets humans to heaven. Have you received this plan in your heart or are you "kicking and screaming all the way to heaven"? In what specific ways do you participate with God? In what ways do you "kick against the goads"? (see Acts 26:13-15)

PRAY

Pray... Father, forgive us that our petitions are frequently laced with self-serving importance and even mixed with sinful motives. Teach us to pray, to fervently pray out of our love for You. Send Your Spirit afresh on our prayer lives. Help us to cooperate with Your perfect plan, when life seems unbearable, even when we can't see the results of our obedience. Thank You that You consider our prayers as a pleasing aroma.