

“Learnings From Tragedy”

Based on Romans 8:26-28 (NIV)

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Romans 8:28 - 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.

† In all things God works for good.

† The bad things that happen to me are not God's will, not God's punishment.

† What God does do is give me the power to overcome troubles.

† No matter how bitter the circumstances may be, I can learn to discover in them God's co-operation.

† God works through people for good to come out of tragedies.

Romans 8:26 - 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.

† Words often cannot express the depth of emotions in tragedy.

† Even when I cannot find the words, God knows me and still hears my unspoken prayers.

Applying Today's Message in My Life:

† What tragedy(s) have I experienced in my life?

- How did God help me?

† How has a “good thing” come out of a “bad” situation?

† What hardship, trouble, or devastation am I dealing with now?

- How is God trying to help me?

† Is there a person or group God is asking me to help that is going through a tragedy or having trouble in their life?