**Romans Series June 11, 2023**

**God Works Good for All Things for Those in Christ - Romans 8:26-30**

*The Big Idea*

God sovereignly moves in the lives of all Christians so that the Holy Spirit prays to affect the will of God, causing all things to result in ultimate good through to eternal life for all believers.

1. The Holy Spirit prays for all Christians **according to God’s will**   
Romans 8:26-27

* “In the same way”
  + Paul is linking the common suffering of all Christians to show that the prayers of the Holy Spirit is also common for all who are Christ followers
* “the Spirit helps our weakness”
  + Our human limitations do not allow us to see everything in the world as God sees them
  + Only God is omnipotent and omniscient
  + The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity, so He knows all things that are or ever will be
  + He works perfectly in conformity to the will of God the Father and God the Son
* “the Spirit Himself intercedes for us”
  + The Holy Spirit takes what is lacking in the prayers of a Christian and prays on our behalf perfectly
* “with groanings too deep for words”
  + We cannot nor do we know the means of communication of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit amongst themselves
  + It is a language and method beyond human comprehension
* We do not always know what God’s will is, but the Holy Spirit ALWAYS knows and PRAYS according to the will of God!
  + He has a 100% success rate of His prayers

2. God causes goodness to come from all experiences **for all Christians**Romans 8:28

* The ministry of Jesus through His passion and death is a primary example of this
  + All Christians are the beneficiaries of Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection
  + God makes good out of the most horrific of all possible situations
* We may never know the explicit purposes of the Lord and His direction
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3 Salvation is a work of God **in all Christians** Romans 8:29-30

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