



## Not My Idea of a Good Time

**Series:** Quilted Promises

**Scripture:** Romans 8:26-39

Each promise is followed by a \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God and are the called according to his purpose.” - Romans 8:28*

We need a \_\_\_\_\_ of good.

- Romans 8:26
- The \_\_\_\_\_ good for you life would be that you \_\_\_\_\_ more like Jesus.
- The definition then of good is the \_\_\_\_\_ that come our way \_\_\_\_\_ us further along in that journey.

We need to notice the \_\_\_\_\_ of God working things for good.

- It's \_\_\_\_\_ the things working \_\_\_\_\_.
- Together = Greek word *synergeō*

We need to realize that we're being \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ force in all of this is the \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 8:28 has a \_\_\_\_\_ in mind.

What's the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promise?

**Start talking.**

- What's a verse you've seen on a quilt, plaque, or mug that brings you comfort—or confusion?

**Start thinking.**

- Read Romans 8:26-30. What are some common misunderstandings people have about Romans 8:28?
- According to Paul, what role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives, especially in hardship (vv. 26–27)?
- How does verse 29 reshape our idea of what “good” means? What does it mean to be conformed to the image of Jesus?

**Start sharing.**

- When have you seen God use a hard season to shape you into someone more like Jesus?
- How do you typically define “good” in your own life? How is that similar to or different from God's definition?
- In what ways are you tempted to treat Scripture like a “lucky charm” instead of leaning into the fuller promise and process?
- Pastor Troy talked about the process of the promise. What's one area of your life where you sense God is forming you right now?
- What does relying on the Holy Spirit look like in your daily rhythms—especially when you're in pain, uncertain, or weary?
- Romans 8 points us toward eternity. How can keeping an eternal perspective reframe your current struggles?

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power.

*"God, I thank you for the promise that all things work together for good for those who love you and are called according to your purpose. I confess that sometimes I struggle to see how difficult situations can be for my good, and I ask for your help in trusting your plan even when I don't understand it. Strengthen my faith, Lord, and help me to lean on your strength and faithfulness. May I be comforted by the knowledge that you are working all things together for my good, even now*

**Start Doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week

- This week, write out your personal definition of “good”—then compare it with Romans 8:29. Where does it align with God's desire to conform you to Christ, and where does it need to change?
- Identify one difficult situation in your life right now and ask, How might God be using this to form me more into the image of Jesus? Journal your thoughts
- Set an alarm or reminder once a day this week that simply says, “Holy Spirit, I need You.” Use that moment to pause and ask for God's power to carry you—not just through your day, but through the transformation He's working in you..