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## Waiting with Hope!

Romans 8:18-25

One of the most difficult and painful questions people ask is: If there is a God, and this is our Father's world, why is there so much suffering? It's a question that doesn't just live in our minds—it weighs heavy on our hearts.

Suffering can lead to discouragement. It can stir up doubt. It can even lead to rebellion or a clenched fist raised in anger toward God. In moments like these, it's easy to wonder where God is or what He's doing. Romans 8:18–25 offers us a powerful message of hope. Paul doesn't ignore suffering—he reframes it. He doesn't tell us to pretend everything's fine—he invites us to look beyond what we see and to trust God. We are reminded that our present sufferings are temporary and not worth comparing to the glory that is coming.

Paul calls us not to despair, but to persevere. He encourages us to live with bold faith, knowing that God is bringing about something glorious. Our suffering is not meaningless. It is not forgotten. It is being woven into a larger story—a story of redemption, renewal, and glory.

### 4 TRUTHS TO EMBRACE:

1. **Present suffering is real, but temporary!** (*verse 18; 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Hebrews 5:8*)
2. **Creation groans for redemption!** (*verses 19, 22; Isaiah 11:6-9, 35:11, 55:12-13*)
3. **Creation suffers from corruption!** (*verses 20-21*)
4. **We persevere with hope!** (*verses 23-25*)

Biblical hope = a certainty based on the faithfulness of God!



## TAKE AWAY:

- Walk in faith, don't despair, fix your eyes on what is unseen—and eternal.
- Live with perseverance, knowing that your suffering is not wasted.
- Wait with hope, knowing that God's promises are sure.

Romans 8 doesn't promise that life will be easy. But it does promise that God is good, and His glory is greater than our pain.