

**Prayer:**

**Slide # 1**  
**Romans**

**Theme:** The Righteousness of God – The Gospel of God

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Romans is very clear that we are saved by GRACE alone through FAITH alone in CHRIST alone. However, even though we are saved from the penalty of sin we still have the problem of indwelling sin, we still have the flesh. As believers we HATE it when we sin (Rom. 7:15) and we cry out, “O wretched man that I am” (Rom. 7:24). That is Romans 7.

But then we turn to Romans 8 and we find that God has given us His Spirit to counter the flesh. We find that the Spirit has freed us from sin (8:2). The Spirit now indwells us (8:9), and He leads us (8:14). The Spirit assures us that we are the children of God (8:16).

And all these ministries of the Spirit are merely the “firstfruits of the Spirit” as there is more to come in the form of a glorified body that will be just like Christ’s resurrection body in which we will be completely freed from the very presence of sin (cf. Rom. 8:11, 17, 18, 19, 21).

However, that will be then and we live in “this present time” in which we still wrestle with sin and the effects of sin. We still live in this present time of suffering (v. 18) and groaning (v. 23). But we have HOPE – the living hope of coming glorification. This HOPE enables us as believers to press on with perseverance.

And in this current state of our struggle with sin, of suffering, of groaning, God has given us the Spirit to be our HELPER. We are not left to go it alone.

Before Jesus left, the night before His crucifixion He made this promise to His disciples.

### **Slide # 2**

#### **John 14:16–18 (NKJV)**

**16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may abide with you forever—

**17** **the Spirit** of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and **will be in you**.

**18** **I will not leave you orphans**; I will come to you.

Jesus would come to them in the person of the Spirit Who would indwell them. This is where we are today. We have the Spirit as our HELPER. And this is what Paul now addresses in Romans 8:26-27; namely the HELPING ministry of the Spirit in the life of a believer.

#### **Romans 8:26–28 (NKJV)**

**26** Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The word “***Likewise***” means “***in the same way***” connecting back to what has just been said. Paul has just emphasized the “firstfruits” ministry of the Spirit which looks forward to glorification. This gives us HOPE in the midst of our present groaning. We can be encouraged in our trials and struggles because of our hope of future glory (vv. 18-25), and in the same way we can be encouraged because in our weakness the Spirit now HELPS us.

Notice Paul includes himself in this saying “our weakness” and not “your weakness”. This emphasizes that we all (as believers) have this weakness. We all need the Spirit’s help.

The word “weaknesses” is more accurately “weakness” because it is singular. In view is the general weakness of those who still live in an unredeemed body even though we are saved.

This word “weakness” is the same basic word translated “sick” in James 5:14 where James says, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him...”. The basic meaning is “weak” with the idea of being spiritually weak. The elders are there to help people spiritually with the ministry of prayer. Here we see the Spirit helping with the ministry of prayer.

“Helps” is in the present tense. The Spirit is continually helping us in this regard. The word “helps” translates a compound Greek word (synantilambamo).

### **Slide # 3**

**Synantilambamo** (helps)

Root word “**lambano**” (means “to take hold”)

Prefix “**syn**” (means “together with”)

Prefix “**anti**” (means “over against” or “face to face”).

“The Holy Spirit lays hold of our weakness along with (*syn*) us and carries His part of the burden facing us (*anti*) as if two men were carrying a log, one at each end.” – **A.T. Robertson**

**The story is told** of a man who was carrying a heavy basket along a dirt path one day. Because of the heavy load, the man’s young son offered to help. The father cut a large stick and placed it through the handle of the basket. His own end was very short and heavy, while his son’s end was long and light. When each took hold of the stick it was the father who essentially carried the burden.

I think that is the picture of the Spirit helping us. Yes, we are involved, but it is the Spirit that does the “heavy lifting” (cf. Matt. 11:28-30).

This Greek word translated “helps” is found only one other place in the NT and that is in Luke 10:40 where Martha, busy with serving, told Jesus to tell Mary to HELP her. So HELP is a very good translation.

And here is our KEY weakness – “we do not know what we should pray for as we ought”. The context here assumes that we will be praying and the Spirit helps us in this endeavor. Our problem is that we don’t know how to pray as we should. This is actually a MAJOR problem because God has ordained that our life as Christians be handled with PRAYER.

We are to pray about everything. We are to pray all the time. We are to deal with life prayerfully.

#### **Slide # 4**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NKJV)**  
**17 pray without ceasing,**

**Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)**  
**18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—**

Jesus said without Him we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). We need His help to really accomplish anything that is lasting and that matters for all eternity. And God has ordained that fruit-bearing happen through prayer. After saying “without Me you can do nothing” it is amazing how much Jesus emphasized PRAYER.

#### **Slide # 5**

**John 15:7–8 (NKJV)**

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

8 **By this** My Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit**; so you will be My disciples.

#### **Slide # 6**

**John 15:16 (NKJV)**

**16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should **go and bear fruit**, and that your fruit should remain, that **whatever you ask the Father** in My name He may give you.

Lasting fruit that remains happens as a result of prayer! This is God’s method. This is how He works. He works through prayer.

**Cliff Barrows** recounted this about T.W. Wilson

When T.W. was called upon to pray, no matter where it was, he would begin with the word “***And***”: “And our heavenly Father.” It was as though he were carrying on a conversation with the Lord Jesus, and

he was just adding this other petition, or this other statement of love and adoration, to his ongoing conversation with the Lord, who was so very real, precious, and close to him.

That is how life should be for us – one constant long prayer – praying without ceasing. For us praying should be like breathing – necessary to live. You might breathe more rapidly or slowly at times but it is totally necessary to be regular. Even so we often are ignorant in our praying.

Realize that children don't always know what is BEST for them. We as God's children are no different. Our prayers are often shallow and ignorant.

In our suffering and groaning our prayers are often very flesh oriented. Our body hurts and so we pray accordingly. Nothing wrong with that – but if you study the prayers in the NT they are overwhelmingly tilted towards the spiritual life and needs of people – and not the physical. God's greatest concern in our life is our spiritual walk -bearing spiritual fruit. Our first concern should not be our physical needs but rather that God be glorified in and through us no matter our circumstances. But being tied to these unredeemed physical bodies that is not our normal first response.

It is so easy to pray selfishly, earthly, and temporally instead of praying with an eternal perspective, for our ultimate spiritual good, and for God's eternal glory. Often, we don't really understand what is spiritually BEST for us in light of eternity and often what we express in prayer is lesser needs. Our body might cry out like it is MAJOR but God may have a BIGGER picture view in mind in which He is humbling us and shaping us.

Paul didn't always pray right. He had this thorn in the flesh – which is left undefined. I think God purposely left it that way so we could make broad application. But whatever this was it afflicted him greatly and consequently Paul BEGGED for the Lord to take it from him.

### **Slide # 7**

#### **2 Corinthians 12:8 (NKJV)**

**8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.**

But then Jesus said to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” God had a HIGHER purpose for this thorn and God's grace was sufficient. And Paul came to see the spiritual purpose for it.

**Slide # 8****2 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)**

**7** And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, **lest I be exalted above measure.**

This thorn in the flesh was given to Paul to keep him humble! Initially, he didn't realize that it was actually for his spiritual good! How often do we pray for our physical well-being when, in fact, God may be using hardship to deepen us spiritually? Now that is not to say we shouldn't pray for physical health and well-being. We should! But what I am saying is that often we don't really know how to pray properly because we don't see the BIG picture.

There may be times when we simply don't know how to pray. Sometimes I know I need to pray about something but I don't know how and I simply pray, "Lord your will be done" and allow the Holy Spirit to express exactly what needs to be said to the Father in that situation.

One day some of us will lie in hospitals with catheters and IVs, and we will not have the will to pray or even put two thoughts together, "but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." The Holy Spirit expresses those things we feel but cannot articulate. – **R. Kent Hughes**

And so we have been given the Spirit to HELP us in our prayer life. Paul says, "***the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.***"

Yes, we pray, but often ignorantly. But in the earnestness of our ignorant praying the Spirit makes intercession for us. We may mean well in our praying – we just don't know exactly how to pray. It is right here that the Spirit HELPS us. He in effect, corrects our praying to where it lines up with God's will – to where it communicates to God what is right and proper.

The Spirit does this continually as "makes intercession" is in the present tense meaning He "keeps on interceding". This is His continual activity. To intercede is the idea of appealing to someone. Here we see the Spirit appeals on behalf of us to God the Father.

And note it says the Spirit does this with groanings which cannot be uttered. These are unspoken sighing's. They are not expressed verbally.

There is a lot of “groaning” in this whole section. In verse 22 we see the whole creation is groaning under the curse of sin. In verse 23 we see that even believers who have the Spirit still “groan within ourselves” as we await the “redemption of our body” (that is the release from all the effects of sin in our body). And now we see in verse 26 that the Spirit HELPING us in our prayer life groans in intercession for us.

The Spirit is so interwoven with our spirit that it is like He enters into our groaning and in this groaning He makes intercession for God for what we ultimately need in the situation.

God is very sensitive to the groaning of His people. Back in the book of Exodus as the Hebrews were being greatly afflicted in Egypt. In Acts 7:34 Stephen referred to this with the very same word “groaning” that is used here in Romans 8:26.

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#### **Exodus 2:23–24 (NKJV)**

**23** Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel **groaned** because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

**24** So **God heard their groaning**, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

God hears us in our groaning and the Spirit enters into our groaning – only He turns it into intercession that expresses to God what really should be prayed in this situation – what we really need – what is really best for us.

God's creation and God's children groan because of their present state of imperfection, and there is nothing imperfect about the Holy Spirit. It must be, therefore, that the Holy Spirit identifies with our groans with the pain...and shares in the longing for the final freedom... We and He groan together. – **John Stott**

In this way God is able “to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.” (Eph. 3:20).

Some have tried to argue that the Spirit's intercession of groaning in verse 26 is the gift of tongues. But that is in error for several reasons.

- 1) Note it is the Spirit that does the groaning and not the believer. 2) This groaning is not in words but rather unspoken, unspeakable, unuttered, inaudible. Tongues were always spoken. They were always real languages that had to be interpreted. What we have in Romans 8:26 is not descriptive of tongues/languages. Rather it is plainly said to be unutterable groanings. 3) The gift of tongue was NOT given to everyone as Paul plainly indicates in 1 Cor. 12:29-30. In contrast, the intercessory ministry of the Spirit is for all saints.

Note that there are two divine intercessors in Romans 8. We have the Spirit interceding for us regarding our prayer life in verses 26-27 and then we have the Son interceding for us in verse 34. It seems that the Spirit intercedes for us in terms of knowing what we should pray about, while the Son intercedes for us when we sin.

### **Slide # 10**

#### **1 John 2:1 (NKJV)**

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

The devil accuses us before God day and night. Whenever we mess up he is right there to accuse us and make his case against us (cf. Rev. 12:10). But Jesus is right there interceding for us as our defense lawyer. His blood ever avails for us and He stands for us. Hebrews 7:25 says Jesus "always lives to make intercession" for us.

The Spirit HELPS us directly from inside us, while Jesus at the right hand of the Father in heaven represents us there. We are covered with intercession on earth and in heaven.

**27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

Note in verse 26 we had the combination of us praying and the Spirit helping us. Here in verse 27 we have the combination of God searching our hearts and the mind of the Spirit. There is a close interwovenness between

the Holy Spirit and our spirit. 1 Cor. 6:17 says, “he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” That is extreme intimacy. 2 Pet. 1:4 says we are “partakers of the divine nature”.

God who is omniscient (all knowing) searches our hearts. He knows every thought. Nothing is hidden from Him (cf. 1 Chron. 28:9; Ps. 139:1, 23; 1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 4:12-13).

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**Jeremiah 17:10 (NKJV)**

**10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind,** Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Again, the context assumes we are praying from our heart. God searches the heart and He knows the mind of the Spirit – which is God’s own mind. He knows exactly where our hearts are coming from and He knows exactly the perfect intercession of the Spirit that perfectly represents our prayers before God (cf. 1 Cor. 2:11).

And so he says the Spirit, “makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” This is always to be the goal in prayer – to have our prayers align with God’s will. Our desire should not be to get our will done in heaven but to have God’s will done on earth. Praying is ultimately to be about God having His will be done.

### **Slide # 12**

**1 John 5:14–15 (NKJV)**

**14** Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, **that if we ask anything according to His will,** He hears us.

**15** And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Again, this reflects back on the reality that often we don’t even know how to pray as we should. We need help here. However, if our prayers truly align with God’s will we can be assured God will answer. James says, “You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss” (Ja. 4:3).

We may ask amiss but the Spirit never does. God works through prayer but often the way He answers is not according to how we prayed, but rather according to the Spirit’s intercession. How cool is it that for our good and for the glory of God the Spirit’s intercession can override our ignorant prayers that are off the mark.

I understand Paul's point to be that we should pray according to God's will as best as we can, but if God's decreed will differs from our prayers, the Spirit will correct our requests to line up with God's sovereign will. – **Pastor Steven Cole**

The Spirit's intercession according to the will of God provides the basis for what Paul goes on to say in verse 28.

**28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.**

Romans 8 has been called the "High Water Mark" of the Bible and verse 28 the pinnacle of it. Romans 8:28 has been likened to a pillow on which weary believers can rest their souls. It emphasizes God's sovereignty over all that is happening in our lives and it shows that everything that is happening to us has purpose and that God is using it for our ultimate good.

Paul says we "know" this. As believers we are to KNOW this. It is a most comforting reality. Note in verse 26 Paul says, "**we do not know**" but here in verse 28 "**we know**". We do not always know how to pray, but in spite of that we do know that God is working all things together for good in our lives even when we can't understand how. We can KNOW this because it is a FACT!

In the Greek "those who love God" is actually in the first position in the sentence. It is stated this way so that there be no misunderstanding about who actually has all things working together for good for them. It is those who love God.

### **Slide # 13**

**Roman 8:28 (Legacy Standard Bible)**

**28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to *His* purpose.**

Those who love God are not some super-duper saints in a category all their own. No! Those who love God are further defined as those "who are the called" which is how Paul consistently defines true believers.

Thus, those who love God is a description of all true believers. All true believers love God, none of us perfectly, but all of us certainly.

**Slide # 14****1 Corinthians 2:9 (NKJV)**

**9** But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for **those who love Him.**”

**1 Corinthians 8:3 (NKJV)**

**3** But if anyone **loves God**, this one is known by Him.

**1 Corinthians 16:22 (NKJV)**

**22** If **anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

1 John 4:19 says, “We love Him because He first loved us.” Peter says of Jesus, “whom having not seen you love.” (1 Pet. 1:8). True believers love Jesus.

This promise does not apply to everyone – only to those who love God.

Paul does not say all things are in and of themselves good, but rather they are in the BIG scheme of things working together for good. Only God could orchestrate everything for an ultimate good in ways we can't even begin to comprehend.

A story is told about a man named Bob. When Bob got home from work, his wife asked him, “How was your day?” Bob responded, “Awful! Everything that could have gone wrong did go wrong all day. “When I was leaving to go to work this morning the car wouldn't start, the battery was dead. I called the auto repair shop and they sent someone out with a new battery and got the car running. I was two hours late getting to work. I had an appointment with a client before lunch. Just before I was to leave to go to his office, he called and canceled the appointment. In the afternoon, I had a meeting that ran long and I was not able to get to the bank before they closed. Then, as if everything that had already happened was not enough, there was a big traffic Jam on the way home that added another hour to the time it took to get home. It was a terrible day, nothing went right!

Later that night (so the story goes – and this is just a story) Bob asked the Lord why He had allowed things to go so bad for him that day.

After Bob prayed, he leaned back in his chair and dozed off to sleep. And in his dream it was if God spoke to him.

God said, “Bob, my loyal servant, you have not had a bad day today, I have protected you from harm. There was a terrible accident on the highway you take to work this morning. People were injured and killed. If you had left at your regular time, you would have been in that accident, so your battery died to delay you and avoid the accident. I had your appointment canceled to protect you from the elevator you would have taken. It got stuck between floors and if you had gone to the appointment you would have been on that elevator. It took hours before the people could be rescued, so I had the appointment rescheduled to protect you. I had your meeting run long so you could not get to the bank this afternoon. The bank was robbed this afternoon and if you had been there, you would have been one of the hostages. The detour you had to take on the way home was because there was a large sinkhole that opened up in the roadway you normally take to get home. A number of cars fell into the hole and people were injured. Had you gone the way you normally do, you would have been one of those cars that fell into the sinkhole. The things that happened to you throughout the day, that you thought were bad, were actually ME protecting you.”

Now this is just a story to make a point! But God is working all things together for our ultimate good in light of eternity. And often we have no idea how He is working and therefore we don't know how to pray properly. But we need to come back to the KNOW of Romans 8:28. Even when life makes no sense to us God is still working all things together for our good.

And to jump ahead we find that the ultimate “good” in view is that God is conforming us into the image of His Son as it goes on to say in verse 29. God uses all manner of things to form and shape us – to cause us to grow – and sometimes those hard things are for our ultimate good.

Romans 8:28 is so important that God set 9 chapters in Genesis apart to illustrate the truth of it. Joseph had some MEAN brothers who hated him. They wanted him dead but, in the end, sold him off to slave traders and he ended up in Egypt. And things weren't always well for him there either. A woman libeled him claiming he had raped her and he wrongly went to prison for it. But in the story, we find the consistent refrain “the LORD was with him” (Gen. 39:3, 23). And in the end God raised up Joseph to be second in command over the whole of Egypt.

Then God brought a famine and Joseph because of God's revelation to him had stored up food and the whole surrounding world came to Egypt to buy food including his brothers who earlier in life had treated him so badly. When Joseph saw that his brothers were sorry for what they had done he revealed himself to them. And then he said this profound reality that mirrors the truth of Romans 8:28.

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**Genesis 45:5 (NKJV)**

**5** But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; **for God sent me before you to preserve life.**

**Genesis 50:20 (NKJV)**

**20** But as for you, **you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good,** in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Genesis 50:20 is called the Romans 8:28 of the Old Testament. Joseph looking back on his life could see the sovereign hand of God upon him and knew that God had worked all things together for good.

Fellow believers, God is doing this in my life and your life as well – often in ways that are beyond what we can understand or comprehend. There are no accidents or bad luck. God is sovereign over absolutely everything that is happening in our lives – and He is orchestrating it all together for an ultimate good outcome. This includes all the suffering and groaning we go through on the road to glory.

It is really true! God does cause everything that happens to us (even the evils inflicted by others, even the presently inexplicable disappointments) to work out for every believer's eternal good.

**– R. Kent Hughes**

Paul further defines "those who love God" as "those who are the called". The idea of called means summoned. It is idea of those who respond to God's summons. Calling is always God's initiative. On our own there is none who seeks after God (Rom. 3:11).

One day a little 3 year old girl named Emily said to her mom, "*You know what Mom? I talked to Jesus on the phone the other day, and I asked Him to save me.*" "That's great", said the mother, "But how did you know His number?" Emily's reply was simple: "***He called me!***"

Emily was obviously very immature in her thinking - but out of the mouth of babes. Her answer was profound. God calls us and the elect respond. There is mystery tension here that I will address next week between God's sovereignty and human responsibility and nobody has this completely figured out. Both are true realities.

Certainly, those who love God are the called and God has a specific purpose for them.

Paul consistently uses the word "called" in the sense of an effectual call. All true believers respond to this call. The called are those who respond. It is this combination of God's calling and the person responding in faith that renders believers being called "the called".

### **Slide # 16**

#### **1 Corinthians 1:21–24 (NKJV)**

**21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, **it pleased God** through the foolishness of the message preached **to save those who believe.**

**22** For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

**23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

**24** but **to those who are called**, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Those who love God are those who have responded to God's call and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is significant that a believer's love for God follows God's calling of him and is undoubtedly the product of the indwelling Holy Spirit (cf. Rom. 5:5; 1 John 4:19). – ***The Bible Knowledge Commentary***

Notice they are called "according to His purpose"—that is, according to God's purpose (cf. Rom. 9:11; Eph. 1:11; 3:11). God has a purpose, plan, and design. Again, this has sovereignty written all over it.

The purpose in context is seen in the very next verse where the sovereign activity of God is to the end they might "be conformed to the image of His Son." Notice God's purpose is not necessarily to make us happy, healthy, and wealthy. But rather to make us HOLY – to conform us into the image of His Son.

This is the good end to which God is at work. This is the end that the combination of “all things” is working towards. This is God’s great purpose for the called.

God’s purpose for His own cannot fail! He who began a good work in us will complete it (Phil. 1:6).

**When I was about to turn 16** we had over 100 cattle stolen from us. It was all borrowed money that had allowed us to buy them. And so we were just that quick reduced to nothing. We had to go on food stamps to eat. It was the first time in my life I ever saw my Dad cry. But it was a MAJOR turning point in his life. He picked up his bible and read through the book of Job and said how that greatly comforted him. It was the worst of times – but God used it for the greater good. And God got us through it. We never went hungry. God was faithful. Romans 8:28 proved true in our lives.

It is to this “good” end that the Spirit intercedes for us and to this “good” end that God is purposefully at work in our lives.

***Life is But a Weaving (The Tapestry Poem)*** by Grant Tuller

My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me.  
I cannot choose the colors  
He weaveth steadily.

Of times He weaveth sorrow;  
And I in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I the underside.

Not 'til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly  
Will God unroll the canvas  
And reveal the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful  
In the weaver’s skillful hand  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.

He knows, He loves, He cares;  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice to Him.

This week there was a little earthquake in New York and those in the area went crazy. J. Vernon McGee told the story about a great earthquake in California many years ago. It caused a lot of destruction. But he said one saint walked out of that scene of destruction and debris actually smiling. Someone said to this believer, "***How can you smile at a time like this?***" She responded by saying, "I rejoice that I have a God who can shake the world!"

He's the great great God of the Bible.  
He's the great great God of all power.  
He's the great God Who can shake the world.  
He's the great God of the hour!

God is sovereignly in charge of all that happens to me and you as believers and He is working it all together in His master plan for our good.

Let us rest in His sovereign care!