Devotion Info
The Problem of Pain

DAY 1 Read Romans 8:18

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.
Romans 8:18 NLT

- How does anticipating the future give you hope in the midst of your present suffering?

DAY 2 Read Romans 8:19-21

[19] For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. [20] Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, [21] the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. Romans 8:19-21 NLT

- Why do you think we always want to look to our own lives/circumstances to explain our pain and suffering, rather than the broader context of a broken, cursed world?
- What does Paul consider to be our future hope in this passage?

DAY 3 Read Romans 8:22-23

[22] For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. [23] And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.
Romans 8:22-23 NLT

- What does it mean that Christians have the "first fruits" of the Spirit?
- What specifically is going to be redeemed in our future 'adoption'?

DAY 4 Read Romans 8:28

[28] And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.
Romans 8:28 NLT

- What does this verse say about God's Sovereignty in the midst of our suffering?
- How does this verse give you strength in the midst of your suffering?

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DAY 5 Read Romans 8:31

What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Romans 8:31 NLT

- What encouragement do you receive from this passage of Scripture?

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