

Suffering and Glory, Part 3 Romans 8:26-27

Two Suffering Truths

Truth #1: Suffering _____ our _____.

Truth #2: In our weakness we learn that God's _____.

2 Corinthians 1:8, "We don't want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself."

Romans 8:31, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

2 Chronicles 14:11, "O LORD, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; let not man prevail against you."

The Spirit is Interceding for You

1) _____ does it _____ that the Spirit is interceding for us?

➤ The Spirit rescues us in our suffering by _____ to the Father on our behalf.

2) _____ is the Spirit interceding for us?

➤ The Spirit prays for us because we _____ what to pray for as we ought.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

3) _____ is the Spirit interceding for us?

➤ He's praying _____—joining us in our groaning.

➤ He's praying _____—with words that are beyond human understanding.

➤ The silence we hear isn't the Spirit's _____; it's _____ that the Spirit's prayers are too much for us to take in.

4) _____ is the Spirit interceding on our behalf?

➤ He takes our groanings and prays for us according to the _____.

Five Reasons to Be Encouraged

1) When you don't know how to pray for yourself or for those whom you love, the _____ does.

2) When your prayers appear to go unanswered, remember that the Spirit's prayers for you are always answered with a "_____."

3) Even when no one else is praying for you in your suffering, remember that the _____.

4) You are not alone in your groaning for your suffering to come to an end; this Spirit is groaning _____.

5) God's work in your life is not limited by what you can understand or _____ in words.

Romans 8:31-32, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"