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Romans 8:28*

WE—WHO?
BELIEVERS

KNOW

This is a truth that we KNOW, not see or feel. Sometimes it's hard to see how suffering can be good, especially when it does not feel good. But this verse challenges us to hold on to what we know to be true about God. Now we see and know dimly, but one day we will know fully (1 Cor. 13:12).

ALL THINGS?

God never asks us to deny the reality of sin and suffering. But this verse causes us to have a greater focus, an eternal focus, than just our earthly temporal suffering (2 Cor. 4:17-18). God will bring ultimate good out of evil and one day all wrong will be made right.

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GOOD PURPOSE?

Being conformed to the image of Jesus (Rom. 8:29).

"For God's people, suffering is an opportunity to glorify God as we find He is all we need, His grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect in our weakness, Not even death can leave lasting wounds. For believers 'to be away from the body' is to be 'at home with the Lord.' We can trust God to accomplish His good will for those believers we leave behind."

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