

A Pastor's Heart

Encouragement from Pastor McGill

It's Working Out for your Good!

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

How many times have we asked ourselves, "Why is this happening to me?" I have asked this question many times even now as a Spirit filled believer. This scripture provides comfort if not the answer to the question. Some questions will be answered only when we get to heaven and God will reveal everything to us. Since I may not have the answer to all the questions, I am provided with this comforting promise from the Lord. It's working out for my good. There is a caveat here that we must not miss. It only works out for good to them that love God. If I don't love God, things may not work together for my good. Before all things can work together for my good, I must first love God. Don't make the mistake of loving what God has or provides. Many people love good health, financial security, safety of children, favor and all the tremendous benefits that God provides. Our gratitude and affection towards these cannot take the place of sincere love towards The One who provides all these things. We must love Him, because He IS. If my love is based solely on the things, when things dry up or run out, then my love will do likewise. Things change, but God is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever. When you love God you have an assurance that all things are working together for good. This is especially true when you can't see or understand the how or why. One day I was driving down the freeway and this car pulled in front of me and started to go very slow. I attempted to pass the car but there were other cars in the other lanes, so I had to stay behind this car going very slow. I was quite irritated until I passed by a state trooper who would have certainly given me a ticket for speeding. The Spirit of God reminded that I could ill afford a speeding ticket at that time. Even driving down the freeway, God is causing all things to work together for our good. If I would have been around when Jesus was tried, persecuted, convicted and crucified, I would have asked the question, "How can anything good come out of this?" An innocent man is being treated unjustly and sentenced to the most horrific death by crucifixion. I would have missed what God was working out because I would have been only looking at Jesus the man, not Jesus the Lamb. Jesus had to be sacrificed so that good could come to all humanity. Today I can appreciate not having to understand everything, but rather that I know the more important thing, God is in the unseen, causing all things to work together for our good. When God makes all things work together for good, we are not the only benefactors. He blesses others in ways and places that go beyond our comprehension. As a believer who loves God, rejoice today knowing that it's working together for your good. Make it a great day.

Blessings and Peace

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