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***Digging Deeper into Romans 8:26-29***

*\*\*\*Verse 26-29 falls into the larger context of Romans 8:18-30; let's read that whole passage in preparation for our discussion today.*

1. Paul presents in vs: 26-27 a scenario that we have all experienced at one time or another, a few of you share about a time that pain was so intense that you didn't even know how to pray. Did you realize at that moment that the Spirit was interceding for you?

2. 8:28 is often quoted to those who are going through very hard times. The "good" that Paul talks about is defined in the next verse as being conformed to Christ's image which happens at the resurrection (see v:23).

→ *Should and does this verse actually bring you comfort when life gets hard?*

→ *Some suffering in this life is so intense, can we really say that it will produce good in us?*

3. Read v:29. So many people are opposed the concept of predestination, why do you suppose this is? Reread verse 29 and Ephesians 1:4-5 & 11 to see what we are predestined to.

→ *In light of this, how could we not love this doctrine?*