



Promise: All Things Work Together for Good

MAIN IDEAS

- **God plans good for His children.**
- **Everything that happens to a believer is for his good.**

MEMORY VERSE

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

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Ruth
- 2) 2 Kings 5:1-15
- 3) Isaiah 46:9b-11
- 4) Romans 8:28



LESSON SUMMARY

One of the most reassuring promises in the Bible for the believer is Romans 8:28—that all things work together for our good. Every single thing. Since everything is under God’s control, nothing can happen to us that is not ordered by God and is not for our good.

Though we would like all things that happen to us to be pleasant, the reality is that we often need the hard things in life. “Good” does not necessarily mean “pleasant.” Good means *good for us*—to conform us to the image of His Son.¹ God is more interested in our character than our comfort. The greatest good He can do for His children is to make them strong in faith. So the hard things work to build strong faith in believers...and are good for us.

Just as Naaman’s leprosy was good for him and led him to faith in the one true God, so God uses the circumstances in our lives to bless us. We have a faithful God who knows the means to build our faith and character, and who will never break His promise to order all things in our lives for the good of His children. Praise Him for His goodness and His faithfulness!

This week, thank God for His sovereign control in your life and the reassuring promise that for the Christian, all things work for good. Pray that your child will understand God’s goodness, and desire to be a child of God.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- *What things are under God’s control? Can anything happen to us that is not under God’s control? (See Isaiah 46:9b-11.) Why is that very good news?*
- *What does “good” mean in Romans 8:28—“all things work together for good”? Who is this promise for? Does this mean Christians will never have problems or difficulties? Why? Share with your child about how God worked something for good in your life. Help your child think of something that has worked for good in his or her life.*

1. Romans 8:29 defines the “good” of Romans 8:28.

ACTIVITY

Explain to Mom or Dad how leprosy worked for good in Naaman's life (2 Kings 5:1-15).

With Mom or Dad's help, write Romans 8:28 in your own words below, and then decorate the frame.

A large, empty rectangular frame with decorative corners, intended for writing and decorating. The frame consists of two concentric rectangles. The outer rectangle has rounded corners, while the inner rectangle has sharp corners. The space between the two rectangles is intended for writing and decorating.