

“A Bigger Picture”
Romans 8:28-39

God has proven he is for me and is invested in my ultimate good because he sent His Son to die *for* my good. So, I can know the circumstances of my life, though maybe painful now, are ultimately blessings for my benefit, because God, who is over all things, loves me.

- **Through Christ, God has done the greatest thing for me. I will not doubt Him now.**
- **In Christ, my greatest enemies have become my greatest allies. I will praise God during the tough times, because through them, He blesses me deeply.**

Charles Spurgeon:

"I am afraid that all the grace that I have got of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours, might almost lie on a penny. But the good that I have received from my sorrows, and pains, and griefs, is altogether incalculable . . . We never have such close dealings with God, as when we are in tribulation. . . There is no cry so good as that which comes from the bottom of the mountains; no prayer half so hearty as that which comes up from the depths of the soul, through deep trials and afflictions. Hence they bring us to God, and we are happier; for that is the way to be happy--to live near God. So that while troubles abound, they drive us to God, and then consolations abound."

Further Notes/Application:

God is more concerned about your holiness than your comfort.

When God doesn't deliver you, He will carry you.