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Week 25 – “Him in Us” Part 2 (Rom. 8:18-27)

Romans 8 Outline: Three Vista Points

- View #1 – We are in Him (verses 1-9)
- View #2 – He is in Us (verses 10-27)
- View #3 – He is for Us (verses 28-39)

Three Incomparable Encouragements from the Holy Spirit in Us:

1. The certain promise of _____ (vs. 18-21)
 - *This earth is NOT Heaven (see 2 Corinthians 11:23-31)*
2. The confident power of _____ (vs. 22-25)
 - *God is molding us into the image of Christ – total dependence on the Father*
 - *There is nothing as effective as suffering in getting us there*
3. The constant presence of _____ (vs. 26-27)
 - *God answers our prayers in one of three ways: Yes, No or Wait*
 - *In the midst of “No” or “Wait” God remains faithful as our Helper*

Life Application:

Can there be meaning, purpose and even *blessing* in suffering? Only the follower of Jesus can answer “yes.” And during the darkest night of the soul, the Holy Spirit is there to comfort and teach us dependence upon His power and presence...

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Personal Life:

1. Suffering is a part of every person's experience on planet earth. Do you ever sometimes question God's fairness when you see what appears to be much greater suffering in the lives of some than in others? Share about how you've handled these thoughts...

Ponderings:

2. In view of the three major encouragements from the weekend message, discuss how each relates to the suffering we walk through. In other words, how have each of these realities helped you personally through a "dark night of the soul?"
 - The certain promise of Heaven (8:18-21)
 - The confident power of Hope (8:22-25)
 - The clear presence of Help (8:26-27)
3. Why is the Apostle Paul so qualified to speak to us about the issue of suffering? Did you agree with the idea in the message that unless a person experiences suffering, they generally won't have a meaningful ministry to others? Discuss...
4. Can you think of a recent time in your life during which you actually discovered real blessing in the midst of suffering? If possible, share about the experience... How did God meet you in that struggle?
5. Hebrews 5:7-8 says, *"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered..."*
 - What does it mean that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered?"
 - What do Jesus' own fervent cries and tears teach us about Him?

Promptings:

6. No matter what you're going through, it is likely that you know someone who is suffering equally or more severely. Are you willing to be a "wounded healer" in that person's life in the week ahead? Pray for God to show you what step(s) to take by faith in order to make that happen...