Seek God and Trust His Plan

Matthew 6:33; Romans 8:28

What do we do when life doesn't make sense? When things feel disconnected, when suffering feels random, and when we find ourselves asking God, "Why is this happening?" In moments like these, Scripture gives us an anchor. Jesus gives us a starting point in Matthew 6:33: **"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."** And the Apostle Paul affirms the outcome of that faithful pursuit in Romans 8:28, in a promise rich with meaning: **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."**

These verses are not empty clichés; they are covenant promises. They don't guarantee immediate clarity, but they promise something far deeper: God's faithful **provision** and His ultimate **purpose** for those who belong to Him. In Matthew 6, Jesus was speaking to people with real, everyday concerns—food, clothing, and security. His response was not to dismiss their needs, but to redirect their focus: **"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness…"** This is not a call to ignore our needs, but a call to trust that putting God first aligns our entire lives with His divine order. He doesn't say, "First, get comfortable, then seek Me." He says, "Seek Me first, and watch as I provide for everything else in its proper time. "The phrase "seek first" is about our direction. It means our first instinct and guiding principle should be oriented toward God's will. When we do this, Jesus assures us that our Heavenly Father will faithfully take care of the rest.

Where Matthew speaks to God's provision, Romans 8:28 speaks to His purpose. Paul writes, **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."** This promise is sealed with a condition and a clarification. It is for those who love God. The **"good"** God is working toward is not always what we might define as good, like comfort, ease, or prosperity. The good He is working toward is intricately linked to **His purpose** for us, which, as the rest of Romans 8 explains, is to be conformed to the image of His Son. This is a profound truth. It means that even in hardship, God is working to make us more like Jesus. This purpose is the ultimate good He has in mind.

A small boy was sitting on the floor at his mother's feet while she was embroidering a beautiful tapestry. Looking up from underneath, all the boy could see was a chaotic jumble of threads. The knots, loose ends, and colors clashed. It looked like a complete mess.

Confused, he asks, "Mama, what are you making? From down here, it doesn't look like anything at all."

His mother smiles, lifts him onto her lap, and shows him the top side of the embroidery. From her perspective, what he sees takes his breath away. The same threads that looked tangled from below now form a stunning, intricate pattern. The knots that seemed chaotic are essential to holding the design together. What looked random was, in fact, perfectly intentional.

From below, it was a mess. From above, it was a masterpiece.

That boy's experience is our experience with God. So often, we are living life from the underside of the tapestry. We see only fragments. We feel the sharp points of the needle and the tension in the threads, and we struggle to understand God's plan. But Romans 8:28 reminds us that there is another side, a divine perspective. God, the Master Weaver, sees the entire design.

*"In **all things**... God works for the good of those who love Him, **who have been called according to His purpose.**"*

That final phrase is our anchor. **His purpose** is the masterpiece He is creating. Our confidence is rooted in the fact that the Weaver has a divine plan, a calling for our lives, and He will not waste a single thread in bringing that purpose to completion. Every joy, every trial, every moment of confusion is being used to craft something beautiful and eternal.

Bringing It All Together

So, how do we live this out?

When we **seek first God's kingdom** (Matthew 6:33), we entrust our provision to the One who sees all our needs. When we **trust that He is working all things for good** (Romans 8:28), we surrender our limited understanding to His infinite wisdom. We rest in the truth that this promise is for us—the ones He has called. Our greatest good is to be shaped according to His divine purpose.

Faith doesn't eliminate our questions, but it gives us a firm place to stand.

If you are in a season where all you can see is a mess, hold fast to this: **God's purpose is still at work.** What looks like a mess from your perspective today is part of the masterpiece He is weaving in your life.

Blessings,

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