



Today's passage reveals a powerful truth that we're calling a "family secret" for Christ followers—God is always at work for our good. Today's passage reassures us that God is shaping us to become more like Christ, even in life's most difficult moments. It also highlights the process of salvation, showing that God foreknew, predestined, called, justified, and will ultimately glorify His children. These verses challenge us to trust God's sovereignty and embrace His transforming work in our lives. As we discuss this passage, let's consider how God's purpose unfolds in our personal experiences and how we can respond with faith to become more like Christ.

Key Passage: Romans 8:28-30

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the promise of Romans 8:28 meant for, and why is this significant? How does this promise shape your trust in God during trials and change your perspective on suffering?
2. How does Paul's teaching in Romans 8:28-30 show that God works through hardships for our good rather than declaring all things good? Can you think of a time when a difficult situation led to spiritual growth and helped you see God's purpose in it?
3. What does it mean to be "called according to His purpose," and how should that shape our response to life's challenges? How can you actively align yourself with God's purpose in your current season of life?
4. What does the term "foreknew" mean in Romans 8:29, and how does it reveal God's love for us? How does knowing that God knew you before you were born change how you view your identity?
5. How does the idea of being "predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son" impact your daily life? In what areas of your life do you see God shaping you to be more like Jesus?
6. Why is God's calling essential for salvation, and how should that affect how we share the gospel? How can you be more intentional in recognizing and responding to God's calling in your life?
7. What does it mean to be justified, and how does this truth bring peace to a believer? Do you struggle with guilt or shame despite being justified? How can you rest in God's forgiveness?
8. How does the promise of being glorified give believers hope, even in difficult times? How does the future promise of glorification help you endure present struggles?