

THRIVE 40 - ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD

Day 2 - *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

Romans 8:28

When I was a fairly new Christian the owner of a local Christian bookstore, we called him Uncle Al gave me a list of what the bible says about us as Christians. He said if I memorized these things it would transform my life, and it did. This is one of the promises on that list. I learned and still am learning that "All things do work together for good for those that love God".

Sometimes things happen in our lives that are totally out of our control. God promises that He will work these things into our lives and turn them into good. On the other hand, sometimes things happen in our lives that could have been avoided. Maybe they came into our lives because of bad choices we made in the past or in the present, or will make in the future. God teaches us in His word that if we love Him and are seeking to live for His purposes, He will work, even these things out for good.

This is why it is so important to not fret over situations that spring up in our lives. We need to look at every encounter as a divine appointment orchestrated by God to bring about something greater in our lives. His goal is to produce spiritual fruit in us that will bless Him, bless us and bless others. That bad thing that happened to you yesterday, God can turn into something good if you just bring it to him. The beauty of this promise is that the more we walk in faith following His plan the more we will see the fulfillment of this promise. Today needs to be a starting point for many reading this. Give God all the events of your past, present and future. Entrust them to Him and then lay aside any anger, resentment and un-forgiveness toward others. God wants to work that into something good in your life so why hold onto it. If you let it go, God can do something with it, if not it will affect you adversely.

In His love, *Brian*

***Pray with me:** God, I give you everything today. I bring to you all the events of my past, my present and my future. I trust you to work them out for good in my life. I forgive all those that have hurt me and pray you bless them. I know you love me and have the greatest plan for my life so I once again entrust my life to you and your plans.*