

**"In Everything, Through Everything, For Everything"**

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What does it mean to take God's story of the world seriously? Do tragedy and difficulty make sense or nonsense out of the Christian message? Nothing challenges our faith more than the real and painful troubles experienced in this world. But these do not need to defeat us, and cannot do so if we listen to God on His own terms.

1. Strength and endurance in hardship come when \_\_\_\_\_ fits into \_\_\_\_\_.

Important terms in Rom. 8:28:

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\_\_\_\_\_

These must be seen in light of vv. 18-23, not our own ideas.

2. God is more than able to finish His \_\_\_\_\_.

It's \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ that will prevail.

3. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ for life in this world.

It's \_\_\_\_\_ image that is being formed in us; if he \_\_\_\_\_, we should expect to as well.

The way of suffering has many biblical examples, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The hardships of life are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The list of these is only partial, but very extensive (v. 35).

Our pattern went \_\_\_\_\_ death and \_\_\_\_\_.

5. God's love for us \_\_\_\_\_.

The end of God's story is already \_\_\_\_\_, but is not yet \_\_\_\_\_.

I must allow God to do His work in His world and in my life in His way.