



Seek First: Remembering Hope

Overcoming Challenges by Adjusting Our Perspective

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For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18

Perspective

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

Romans 8:19-26

Grumbling is how people suffer without hope.

Groaning is how people suffer with hope.

Groaning - Optimism , Trust , Remembering

Grumbling - Pessimism , Doubt , Forgetting

And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:27-28

Focus on glory , don't focus on suffering .

Groan with hope , don't grumble with despair .

Remember God's plan , don't forget His faithfulness .

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What can you do when you find yourself grumbling instead of groaning?
2. How can you help yourself remember the faithfulness of God and keep your focus on future glory?