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What We Learned in Our Study of Romans:

Romans 8:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ And we [the family of God] know [normally acquired through reflection or understanding] that God causes [from which we get our English word 'synergy'] all [lit., <u>ALL THINGS–GOOD AND BAD</u>] things to work together for [in Greek, there is an article here...."The"] good to those who love [lit., to cherish] God, to those who are called according to His [eternal] purpose.

A. There is always something <u>confidential</u> about our troubles. <u>"We</u> know..."

- B. There is always something <u>comprehensive</u> about our troubles. *"…that <u>all things</u> work together…"*
- C. There is always something <u>constructive</u> about our troubles. *"…for <u>the good</u>…"*
- D. There is always something <u>conditional</u> about our troubles. *"...of those who <u>love God</u>....[and are] <u>called according to His purpose</u>."*



The believer must never faint in times of suffering and trial because he/she knows that God is at work (Rom. 8:28)...and that He has a perfect plan (Rom. 8:29). God has two purposes in that plan: <u>Our good</u> and <u>God's Glory</u>."

1. In ALL THINGS, start with God!

Romans 8:28, TEV - ²⁸ And we know that in all things <u>Cod works</u> for the good of those who love him, and whom he has called according to his purpose.

2. In ALL THINGS, know that God is at work.

Romans 8:28, GNB - ²⁸ And we know that in all things <u>God is working</u> for the good of those who love him and have been called according to his purpose.

3. In ALL THINGS, think "long term."

Romans 8:28, MSG - ²⁸ That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God <u>is worked into something good</u>.

4. In ALL THINGS, stay right with God.

Romans 8:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are <u>called</u> according to His purpose.

5. In ALL THINGS, it's about "the Good."

'God's Good' and 'Our Good' are different,

Romans 8:28, TLB -²⁸ And we know that <u>all that happens to us is</u> working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

6. In ALL THINGS, it's about "His Glory."

'God's Purposes' and 'Our Purposes' are different.

Romans 8:28, NCV - ²⁸ We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him. They are the people he called, because that was <u>His plan</u>.

All Things-for Our Good and God's Glory,