



## #4 Solid Hope in Suffering

*Romans 8:16-25*

### EVIDENCE THAT GOD IS FOR HIS PEOPLE!

- He removed our guilt 8:1
- He set us free from sin's slavery 8:2
- He judged Jesus instead of us 8:3
- He gifted us with legal righteousness 8:4
- He gave us His Holy Spirit to lead us 8:5-14
- He adopted us into His forever family 8:15-16

GOD DEMONSTRATES THAT HE IS **FOR** HIS PEOPLE,  
NOT BY SHIELDING US FROM ALL SUFFERING IN THIS LIFE,  
BUT INSTEAD BY GIVING US *PROMISES*  
WHICH PROVIDE SOLID HOPE IN THE MIDST OF OUR SUFFERING  
THAT AN EXCEEDINGLY BETTER FUTURE AWAITS US.

### 1. God Promises That His Children Will Receive An Unfading, Eternal INHERITANCE That They Will Enjoy Forever

**Romans 8:16** *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs...*

### 2. God Promises Us Future GLORY That Far Outweighs Present SUFFERING

**Romans 8:18** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

### 3. God Promises That After This Time Of Suffering We Will See Beauty and Greatness That Will SATISFY Us Forever

**Romans 8:18** *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*

### 4. God Promises That His Children Will One Day Be Revealed With A Much-Anticipated GLORY Of Their Own

**Romans 8:19** *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.*

### 5. God Promises That His HOPE Is Tied Up In Our HOPE

**Romans 8:20** *For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> 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.*

### 6. God Promises That The Groans of Creation Are Not The Pangs of Death But The LABOR PAINS Of Childbirth

**Romans 8:22** *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.*

### 7. God Promises That Our BODIES Will One Day Be Redeemed And We Will Finally Cease From All Of Our Groaning

**Romans 8:23** *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.*

**Romans 8:24** *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*