

# TRUTH UNASHAMED

## Part 3: The New way

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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### Week 6

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**This weeks focus scripture:** Romans 8:26-30

**This weeks reading challenge:**

- Romans 8:14-30
- Re-read verse 26-30 several times.

**This weeks memory challenge:** Romans 8:28

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### Study and Reflection

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**Day 1:** In today's message, Pastor Ethan asserted that a foundational truth we see in Romans 8 is that God is FOR US. How do you understand that God is FOR you? Take time to consider and write down your response. Being honest, have there ever been things that cause you to question (maybe even now), that God is *for us/you*?

Read Romans 8:26-27. A big concept here is that we, as humans, are *weak*. Consider these thoughts:

- What is the difference between asking God to help us *when* we are weak, and recognizing that we *are* weak, and the Spirit is always here on our behalf? Why is this an important distinction?
  
- Can you relate to the idea of 'not knowing how to pray?' How have you experienced this personally?
  
  
- What are the implications- in your life- of God's promise of how the Spirit works in our lives when we are 'too weak to know how to pray?'

**Day 2:** Read Romans 8:26-28. How are verses 26-27 important to how we understand the promise of verse 28? Given this amazing promise, consider the following:

- Reflect on a time you have struggled with the idea that “God is working for Good” in your circumstances. What was your struggle, and how have you seen God at work since this time?
  
- In today’s message, Pastor Ethan asserted two things Romans 8:28 does NOT mean. Do you agree? Why are these two things important to think through?
  - God is not saying that ‘all things are good.’ There is a distinction between saying that ‘all things are good’ and ‘God works in all things for good’. What is the difference here, and why is this important?
  
  - God is sovereign, and we don’t understand how His hand is involved in the events of our lives, but when we are in the midst of tragedy or suffering, we can know that God did not cause this tragedy as a way to ‘get through’ to us.
  
- What is the significance of the two statements “those who love God”, and “those who are called according to His purpose?”
  
- What is the ‘good’ that God works toward in ALL THINGS?
  
- How have you experienced the promise of 8:28 in your life?

**Day 3:** Read Romans 8:29-30. It is easy for us to get hung-up on the topic of predestination. Paul’s statement here, however, is a profound statement of dignity and encouragement to the follower of Christ. Consider these three realities that are the destiny of every believer. What are the implications of these, both now and for eternity?

- We will be (*and are being*) conformed to the image of Christ.
  
- We are the brothers and sisters of Christ.
  
- God has called, justified, and glorified... *us*. That means *you*.

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*Notes from Sermon Outline*

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† When reading scripture, the question we must ask: *What does this mean?*

† Three Truths to remember when reading Romans 8:26-30

- God is FOR you
- God is at WORK
- Did I mention that God is FOR you?

† God is with us in our WEAKNESS

*Romans 8:26-27*

† The Great Promise

*Romans 8:28*

† The Disciples Destiny

*Romans 8:29-30*