

God Causes

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- *Romans 8:28-30 (LBLA) — 28 Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito. 29 Porque a los que de antemano conoció, también los predestinó a ser hechos conforme a la imagen de su Hijo, para que Él sea el primogénito entre muchos hermanos; 30 y a los que predestinó, a esos también llamó; y a los que llamó, a esos también justificó; y a los que justificó, a esos también glorificó.*

● 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 - **3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.** NASU

● 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (LBLA) — **3 Y si todavía nuestro evangelio está velado, para los que se pierden está velado, 4 en los cuales el dios de este mundo ha cegado el entendimiento de los incrédulos, para que no vean el resplandor del evangelio de la gloria de Cristo, que es la imagen de Dios.**

- Romans 13:11-12 - *“And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”*
- Romans 13:11–12 (LBLA) — *11 Y haced todo esto, conociendo el tiempo, que ya es hora de despertaros del sueño; porque ahora la salvación está más cerca de nosotros que cuando creímos. 12 La noche está muy avanzada, y el día está cerca. Por tanto, desechemos las obras de las tinieblas y vistámonos con las armas de la luz.*

- The unexpected tragedies of life will happen in each of our lives.
- A diagnosis from a doctor
- The loss of a loved one in death
- A car wreck
- The loss of a job
- A divorce
- A crash of the economy
- A major church problem
- Unexpected tragedies shake us to our core.

- They cause us to worry and fret.
- They cause us to have sorrow and grief.
- They cause the course of our lives to change.
- They cause us to lose friends.
- They cause us to doubt our faith in God.
- They take the joy out of daily living.
- They cause us to want to give up.

What some have learned, however, is that unexpected tragedies also present opportunities.

- To learn
- To grow
- To be stronger
- To increase faith
- To become a leader
- To make life better
- To start over
- To make new friends
- To become more independent
- To get out of horrible situations

● ***1 Peter 5:8-11 - 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.***

● ***1 Peter 5:8-11 (LBLA) — 8 Sed de espíritu sobrio, estad alerta. Vuestro adversario, el diablo, anda al acecho como león rugiente, buscando a quien devorar. 9 Pero resistidle firmes en la fe, sabiendo que las mismas experiencias de sufrimiento se van cumpliendo en vuestros hermanos en todo el mundo. 10 Y después de que hayáis sufrido un poco de tiempo, el Dios de toda gracia, que os llamó a su gloria eterna en Cristo, Él mismo os perfeccionará, afirmará, fortalecerá y establecerá. 11 A Él sea el dominio por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.***

The Lord is all-powerful - “greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world!”

1 John 4:4 (NASB95) — 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

1 John 4:4 (LBLA) — 4 Hijos míos, vosotros sois de Dios y los habéis vencido, porque mayor es el que está en vosotros que el que está en el mundo.

2 Corinthians 2:11 - *so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.* NASU

2 Corinthians 2:11 (LBLA) — *11 para que Satanás no tome ventaja sobre nosotros, pues no ignoramos sus ardides.*

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- James 1:17 - *Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.* NASU
- James 1:17 (LBLA) — *17 Toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto viene de lo alto, descende del Padre de las luces, con el cual no hay cambio ni sombra de variación.*

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● **1- We must love Him**

● **2- We must be called according to His purpose (that is, seek His will and His purpose in this life).**

Joshua 24:15 - *“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

Joshua 24:15 – *15 Y si no os parece bien servir al SEÑOR, escoged hoy a quién habéis de servir: si a los dioses que sirvieron vuestros padres, que estaban al otro lado del río, o a los dioses de los amorreos en cuya tierra habitáis; pero yo y mi casa, serviremos al SEÑOR.*

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CONFORM US TO THE IMAGE OF HIS
SON.**

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- Colossians 1:15-17 *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”*
- New Century Version reads: *No one can see God, but Jesus Christ is exactly like him.*

- II Corinthians 3:18 *“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*
- New Century Version reads: *“We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings ever greater glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”*

Acts 4:13 - *“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”*

Acts 4:13 — *13 Al ver la confianza de Pedro y de Juan, y dándose cuenta de que eran hombres sin letras y sin preparación, se maravillaban, y reconocían que ellos habían estado con Jesús.*

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- Romans 6:23 - *“The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- Romans 6:23 (LBLA) — *23 Porque la paga del pecado es muerte, pero la dádiva de Dios es vida eterna en Cristo Jesús Señor nuestro.*

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- II Corinthians 5:21 - *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 — *21 Al que no conoció pecado, le hizo pecado por nosotros, para que fuéramos hechos justicia de Dios en Él.*

- II Timothy 4:7-8 - *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. In the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day —and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”*
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8 — *7 He peleado la buena batalla, he terminado la carrera, he guardado la fe. 8 En el futuro me está reservada la corona de justicia que el Señor, el Juez justo, me entregará en aquel día; y no solo a mí, sino también a todos los que aman su venida.*

- 1 Corinthians 9:25 - *“Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”*
- 1 Corinthians 9:25 — *25 Y todo el que compite en los juegos se abstiene de todo. Ellos lo hacen para recibir una corona corruptible, pero nosotros, una incorruptible.*

● *“Religion is the first thing and the last thing, and until a man has found God and been found by God, he begins at no beginning, he works to no end. He may have his friendships, his partial loyalties, his scraps of honor. But all these things fall into place and life falls into place only with God.”*

● *H. G. Wells*

- ***John 14:8-10 - 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.***
- ***John 14:8–10 — 8 Felipe le dijo*: Señor, muéstranos al Padre, y nos basta. 9 Jesús le dijo*: ¿Tanto tiempo he estado con vosotros, y todavía no me conoces, Felipe? El que me ha visto a mí, ha visto al Padre; ¿cómo dices tú: «Muéstranos al Padre»? 10 ¿No crees que yo estoy en el Padre, y el Padre en mí? Las palabras que yo os digo, no las hablo por mi propia cuenta, sino que el Padre que mora en mí es el que hace las obras.***