

The Great Eight Promises with a Purpose Romans 8:26-29

Two of the most challenging areas for many followers of Jesus are prayer and God's will, these verses speak to these two areas.

Two Promises

1. We do not _____ (26-27)

“weakness” – We do not know _____ to pray for

“groanings” - The Holy Spirit comes alongside us to help bear a _____

Contrast: We do not know but the Spirit knows!

Encouragement from These Verses:

- We are supposed to _____

“pray without ceasing,” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

- Don't expect prayer to be _____

- Prayer _____

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8)

“You do not have, because you do not ask.” (James 4:2)

Mostly prayer _____

- We can pray with _____
in God's enabling, empowering Spirit

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

“Lord, I want what you want more than I want what I want”

2. God is a work even when we can't fully _____ (28)

“We know” – This we can be _____

“All things” – Not just _____

“God works” – Not just luck, fate or chance

“For the good” – Not always for our _____
or our immediate gain

“Of those who love God, for those called according to His purpose” – This isn't a promise for the _____

Two Purposes

1. The _____ of God's will
2. _____ to Christ's character

Living It Out

_____ as if it all depends on God; _____
_____ as if it all depends on me

“And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.” (Nehemiah 4:9)

God wants us to pray and live with a _____

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,”
(Ephesians 3:20)

“For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” (Colossians 1:29)

“for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” (Philippians 2:13)

“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.” (Genesis 50:20)

Making It Personal

In light of these promises of God:

The Promise I Need To Believe and Meditate On:

The Area of My Life Where I Most Need to Pray Trusting in the Help of God's Holy Spirit:

The Step of Obedience/Risk That God is Calling Me to Take Trusting That God Is at Work in the Midst of it All: