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### Groaning Toward Glory

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For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

~ Romans 8:22–26 (NKJV) ~

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All of life reminds us that something is wrong. Paul says the whole creation groans under the curse of sin. The world is broken. We see it in disease, decay, and death. Nothing works the way it was meant to. Creation itself longs to be free.

You and I share in that groaning. We live in the same fallen world and feel its weight. Even though we belong to Christ, our bodies and emotions still bear the marks of corruption. Every limitation, every weakness, every loss is a reminder that redemption is not yet complete. The Spirit has begun His work in us, but the process is unfinished (Philippians 1:6). That tension produces a deep longing for the day when God will make everything new.

Paul says the Spirit helps us in that weakness. He doesn't remove the struggle; He joins us in it. The creation groans, we groan, and the Spirit groans. These are not three separate experiences but one movement toward glory. There are times when you honestly don't know for what to ask God. You see the problem, but you don't see the solution. In those moments, the Spirit prays on your behalf, asking for what you would ask if you saw the situation as God sees it. He takes your uncertainty and pain and shapes them into prayer that perfectly fits the will of God.

That means your weakness is not an obstacle to God's work; it is part of His method. When you are helpless, the Spirit is active. When you have no words, He is speaking.

When you feel most unproductive, He is shaping Christ in you. Your limitations become the training ground for endurance and reliability. Remember what Jesus taught in His opening words of the Beatitudes: “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3 NKJV)

So don’t fight the groaning. Learn to see it as evidence that you belong to another world. Every believer who endures faithfully through the frustration of life is joining creation in its expectation of glory. Each time you endure with faith, the Spirit confirms that you are walking toward glory. Every act of endurance is evidence that God is finishing what He started in you.

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Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

~ Romans 5:1-5 (NKJV) ~

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