

Comfort for the Confused **Romans 8:26-28**

We don't know how to pray so the Spirit intercedes for us. 26-27

- *In the same way . . . as in 22,23; this = 3rd of three groanings.*
Note it is the Spirit praying and not us, consider I Cor. 14:14.
- *Weakness of the flesh* (6:19) leads to confusion, Mk. 13:32ff.
- God knows our hearts and is in accord with the Spirit (I Cor. 2:11), who Himself intercedes for us to accomplish God's will.
See 8:34, Heb. 7:25, I Jn. 2 for who also intercedes for us!
- Why should this be so comforting to you and me?

We do know all things work together for good. 28

- Best translation = *all things* as the subject, but realize . . .
- Are we really so sure? See *we know* in 2:2, 3:19, 7:14, 8:22.
- What exactly is included in *all things that work together*?
Any examples of this from Scripture you can think of?
- How should we define *good* here?
- Who is this comforting statement aimed at specifically?

Sometimes
when things are
falling apart
they may
actually be
falling into place.

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