

### Knots & Life

#### read

*Romans 8:28*

#### think

My dislike for knots in shoestrings is enormous! Knots stink! They decrease the length of the shoestring, and attempting to unravel the knot can be challenging based upon how tightly connecting the knot is formed. Although I dislike knots in shoestrings, knots teach us more about God's plan and power than we realize. It is in Romans 8:28

where Paul shares, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

In this one verse, we can understand that all of life is connected. Our exceptional experiences, along with our horrible experiences, find themselves tied together to form the knot we call our lives. Our problems can lead us to a deeper relationship with Christ. Our obstacles are opportunities to experience the omnipotence of God. In the Bible, we are never told that our lives will be a tiptoe through the tulips, or a walk observing willows, but we are repeatedly assured that God travels with us. We must remain convinced that the God of all is causing all things to be knotted together for our good as we trust in God. May we trust God who supervises all, will knit all of our lives in a purposeful manner.

#### apply

- Some people believe that when you come to know Jesus you are destined for a life of happiness. Is that true? Why, or why not?
- Is there anyplace in the Bible where you see God using difficulty in a person's life to bring about great good?
- Think back over the course of your family history and your personal history. When, where, and how were difficulties used to bring about something good?

#### pray

May we trust you even when we do not understand your methods because you are tying everything together. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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