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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 8:28 *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.* (NIV)

I like how the Amplified Bible renders this verse: *And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.* (AMP)

The beginning phrase, *and we know*, comes from a point of experience. It is not an empty hope of something to take place but based on the foundation of the past and certain work of the LORD in our lives. Secondly, the phrase, *that in all things*, reminds us that the LORD has all things in His purview and that He causes or allows every single event to take place for a Godly purpose. He is, in fact the LORD of all things. Every moment, every detail, every circumstance, and every action are His to control and do so perfectly. Ours is not to ask of Him, why? Ours is to know that because He has moved, we are to follow and obey. Thirdly, the phrase *causes all things*, tells us that we can have great confidence that everything He does is always for our good and according to His plan. Meditate on this deep thought: everything, absolutely everything happens according to His plan. Not a petal falls from the rose without His involvement. Not a tear is shed, nor a laughter heard without His active participation. He *causes* all things to work together. He is the master designer. He is the perfect artist. He is the One and only One that can make everything work perfectly together according to His plan.

Now this next phrase is the icing on the cake; *for the good of those who love Him*. He is always working for our good. He is concerned for us. He loves us. He cares about us. He wants His best for us. Think back on some of those times that, at first, seemed like He was not involved, but later you realized that He had made all things work together for good. What seems like something that is a random event, is our creative God at work for those who are called according to His purpose.

Dear LORD, we praise You that You are always in control, and You do have a purpose for everything that we face. We never face these things alone when we are abiding in Your presence and walking in Your love. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen