TLC message by Pastor Mark Spurlock, June 29 & 30, 2002



# Key Truth #5: God Has A Purpose for My Life

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	God's Unbreakable "Chain of Grace":	
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## **Daily Meditations**

Here's a chance to "take it home": Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

**This week's memory verse:** "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." Rom. 8:28

#### **Monday**

Read Rom. 8:28-31 and look back over the message notes. Why does suffering sometimes make it difficult to believe that God has a purpose for you?

What stood out to you most from the message last weekend? Why?

How did what you learned last weekend give you confidence?

Thank God today that He has a purpose for your life. Thank him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Ask God to help you apply what you learn and grow in faith.

#### Tuesday

Reread Romans 8:28 & Gen. 50:20. Think back over the first six months of this year. How have you seen God working through the good, bad and ugly of your life for your ultimate good?

How does the promise of these verses encourage you?

How does knowing that God is working in all areas of your life for your ultimate good give you confidence?

Read Psalm 119:50. It is encouraging to know that in the midst of suffering the unchanging promises of God are powerful to sustain you. Write down three promises from the Bible to you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How can you apply these promises to your life today? How can they change your perspective?

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Thank God today for His promise and His power. Thank Him that His purpose for you can never be thwarted. Ask Him to help you remember His promises through the day and to live with confidence in Him.

#### Wednesday

Reread Romans 8:29 & Eph.5:1-2. How do you think Rom. 8:28 connects to verse 29?

Think of one thing in your life that is going well. How can you be more "conformed to the likeness of his son" through this?

Think of one thing in your life that is not going as well as you'd like. How can you be more "conformed to the likeness of his son" through this?

How have you seen God work His purposes through suffering in your life?

Thank God today that His purposes will always be accomplished, even through suffering. Pray that as you go through the ups and downs of life that you will more and more be conformed to the image of Christ. Pray that your attitude will be a witness to people around you. Ask God to give you a soft heart to teach and conform.

### Thursday

Read Rom. 29-30 & Philippians 1:6. What key truth do you see in both these verses?

How does this give you confidence to live in the good times and bad times?

Read 1 Peter 4:19. Often when we're in the midst of suffering we are tempted to stand still emotionally and relationally. What is God's encouragement to you in this verse?

List two things you will do this week to "continue to do good."

1.

2.

Thank God today that He will never give up on you. Thank Him for His continuous work and presence in your life. Commit to Him the areas you suffer in and ask Him for the grace and strength to continue to do good.

#### **Friday**

Read Rom. 8:31. The Apostle Paul's response to the previous verses is total confidence in God. What would your life look like if you really believed this verse?

How do you feel like someone or something is against you? How can this verse and what you've studied this week impact your outlook?

Again, ask God to help you live joyfully in light of the promised land of the new heaven and earth!

#### Saturday

Look back over the notes and the devotions this week. Finish any you may have missed. Polish up the memory verse at the top of the page. Pray for the services this weekend! Thanks!