

A Firm Foundation

Solid truths for a shifting world

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“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”
Romans 8:28

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.”

Colossians 3:1-4

“We know”

We trust in God’s Word

“God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.”
Hebrews 6:16-20

“that God causes”

God is in control – He is Sovereign

“Everything”

God’s plan involves whatever happens

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

Psalms 139:16

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

Genesis 50:20

“To work together”

Your life is not a bunch of independent circumstances

Your life is not independent of others circumstances

“for the good”

God turns bad events into positive results for his plans

“God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.”
Ephesians 1:9-11

“of those who love God”

God’s promise is not for everyone

“according to his purpose for them”

We are part of God’s overall big plans

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

John 10:10-11, 27-30

Discussion:

How does our understanding of God’s eternal plan impact your day-to-day life?

What has happened or is happening in your life that makes it difficult to see God working for good?

In these circumstances what helps give you hope?

In what ways do you think God could use your difficulties for His glory?