



**"Everything Happens for a Reason"
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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.

When a bad thing might be a good thing:

1) God has something _____ in mind.

Acts 8:1; Phil 1:12-14

2) It is a necessary step toward a greater _____.

Gen 50:20 *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Why a bad thing might be a bad thing:

1) We live in a fallen world. Gen 1-4

2) We have ignored God's _____. Prov 1:23-34; Deut 28:

3) We make foolish decisions. Pro 22:3

Prov 19:3 *A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the Lord.*

4) The broader culture is reaping a negative harvest.

Daniel 1:1-6

The not so small print:

God works for the good of those who:

A) Love him - John 14:15-16

B) Have been called according to his purpose.

1 Cor 15:19

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

2 Cor 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.