

HOW TO DEAL WITH LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS:

Romans 8:28:

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Promise # 7

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Disappointment: A State or feeling of dissatisfaction, failure, defeat, and/or frustration;
- B. Emotional Stress/can break down a person's worldview;
- C. Outcome focused;
- D. Examples of Disappointment:
 - 1. Long-standing dreams can't be reached;
 - 2. Realization of a dream is found unsatisfying;
 - 3. Married but poor oneness
 - 4. Watching your children make foolish mistakes
 - 5. Disease, slow debilitation, and/or tragedy

II. EXPOSITION: ROMANS 8:28

- A. What is Paul's Argument in Romans 8?
- B. How should we translate first half of Romans 8:28?
- C. What does "all things" include?
- D. What does "work together" mean?
- E. What is the "good"?
- F. To or for whom is God working all things out?
- G. If you do not love God, then does that mean He will not work all things for your good?

III. HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE?

- A. When disappointment finds expression in your life what should you do?
- B. Don't try to separate yourself from life's disappointments. Exchange your attitude for an eternal outlook. But don't merely exchange your attitude; you must be in intimacy with Christ in moment-by-moment living.
- C. Is there a relationship between your personal disappointments with life's circumstances and your love-relationship with God?