

### **“Resurrection Glory”**

#### **Romans 8:18-30**

**Sermon Series Title:** “Resurrection Applied”

**Sermon Series Summary:** As we gear up for Easter Sunday, we’ll take four weeks looking at the power and beauty of the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection isn’t just for our past or future. The resurrection is here and now in and through us.

**Passage Setting:** Romans is seen as one of the greatest works of theology. In it, we have the foundations for the gospel, history, and Calvinism. Chapters 1-8 cover the theology of our salvation. Chapters 9-11 cover the history of our salvation. Chapters 12-16 talk about the application of our salvation. Our passage is the victorious end of the theological section in this letter.

**Summary:** This may be one of the most glorious chapters in Scripture, and yet, it is not avoidant of suffering. Paul talks about our suffering and groaning along with creation, however, we have the help of the Spirit and the hope of our salvation and future glory.

**Central Truth:** *“In our hardship, let us receive help from the Spirit and have hope in our Savior.”*

**Sermon Points:**

1. Our Hardship
2. Our Help
3. Our Hope

**Opening Question:**

1. How can a good God allow suffering in this world?

*(Answers may vary.)*

*We know that suffering is evil, because we have a universal standard of good. And inherently, we believe that God is good or else this accusation would not be considered. If our God is truly good, that means that He will bring out something good from this evil. Just because we can’t see anything good coming out of suffering, that doesn’t mean there isn’t any. A God who is powerful enough to stop suffering is a God who is powerful enough to bring good out of it.*

*Is there a better way to explain and cope with suffering?)*

***We've talked about the Resurrection Life and Resurrection Sonship in the first half of our chapter. We will talk about our Resurrection Glory today, but it will be in the context of our suffering.***

1. What are the ways we groan at the suffering in this world?

*(Answers may vary.*

*Our hearts- shame, guilt, sin, addiction, depression, anxiety*

*Our bodies- sickness, weakness, death*

*Our relationships- betrayal, hurt, wrongdoing, abandonment, adultery, etc.*

*Our society- injustice, war, killing, murder, slavery, persecution, abuse, etc.*

*Our world- natural disasters, brokenness in creation as well)*

2. How does our future glory and God's sovereignty affect our view of present suffering?

*(Answers may vary.*

*Our future glory will be so great, we won't even be thinking about our suffering. It will far surpass any wrong, hurt, pain, and suffering we have experienced on earth. God will make all things right.*

*We also know that God is sovereign, and He will use our suffering (and all things) for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. A God who has the power to stop suffering is a God who can use suffering to bring good.*

*Lastly, we have Christ who sympathizes with our weaknesses. He is our Most High Priest who is praying for us. We have the Spirit who is helping us and praying for us.)*

3. What is our hope in the midst of hardship?

## Community Group Discussion Questions

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*(Answers may vary.)*

*Our hope is that there is a purpose to our hardship, for our good and for God's glory. It is that He will right all wrongs and make everything right. Our hope is that He will bring us to completion. It is in our salvation, which culminates in our glorification. Our hope is in the person and finished work of Christ.)*

***Final Thoughts:*** *Our resurrection on this side of eternity is not void of suffering. But in our suffering, we have help and hope. The points of Jonathan Edwards' first sermon are the following: 1. Our bad things will turn out for good 2. Our good things can never be taken away from us 3. The best things are yet to come. And these three truths are all secured for us through the person and work of Christ.*