

1. Rom 8:18-25 indicates we will deal with suffering as long as we live in this broken world. Do you have room in your theology for a God who allows suffering? Have you been exposed to teaching that would lead you to believe God does not allow suffering?
2. Do you remember studying the law of entropy in school? How does this law validate the truth of God's word?
3. Read Genesis 3. Where did suffering originate? When will creation be set free from this law? In the meantime, God has given us His spirit to help us in our pain.
4. These are pretty deep subjects. The real question is this: *How is the Spirit using your pain to change you?* How does the hope of Heaven change your response to pain today?
5. Read Rom 8:26-30. What is the Spirit praying for you? What effect does it have on your prayer life knowing the spirit is praying with and for you?
6. Rom. 8:28 is one of the most often quoted scriptures in the Bible. What "things" is God working for good in you? Do you believe God can turn your deepest pain into "good?" Who gets to define "good?"
7. Read Rom 8:31-39. What promises can you identify in these verses? How do these promises change you when you believe them?
8. Who do you sense is "against you" right now? What does God being "for you" do to encourage you?