

"Holy Groans"

Making the decision of a lifetime:

Abandoning life in the "flesh"

When life is all about me

Choosing life in the "Spirit"

When life is all about Jesus

Something no one will avoid: Suffering

We live in a creation of suffering

We live in a body of suffering

We live in relationships of suffering

We live in a faith of suffering

God's answer for our suffering: Glory

The glory of resurrection

The glory of re-creation

The glory of freedom

The glory of eternal life

Our attitude in suffering: Hope

Hope that is secure

Hope that is not seen

Hope that waits patiently

Listen to the sound of suffering: Groaning

The creation is groaning

It is an awful sound

We groan

It is a desperate sound

The Holy Spirit groans

It is a beautiful sound

Are there sounds of groaning in your life today?

Let the Spirit pray for you!

Romans 8:18-27

18 I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. 19 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

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