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Series: Romans 8

Message Title: Why You Need a New Perspective

Key Text: Romans 8:18-25

Discussion Guide

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Dino Rizzo preached from Romans 8:18-25, where Paul addresses the reality of our world. He does not ignore the reality of our pain. Instead, he teaches us how to live in the tension between our present suffering and future glory. Paul emphasizes this directly: creation and humanity both groan. We experience frustration, weakness, and sorrow. Yet, as Pastor Dino taught, Paul refuses to let suffering define his outlook or identity. He points to a coming glory that far outweighs present hardship.

How do we live between groaning and glory? Through **hope**. First, we hold on to God, anchoring ourselves in our identity as His children. Second, we see opportunity in pain, trusting that God can bring purpose even from suffering. Third, we adopt an eternal perspective, allowing what is coming to sustain us in what is. Finally, we endure waiting with eager expectation for what we cannot yet see.

Pastor Dino preached, “It’s not about what I’m in, but Christ in me.” We know that glory is coming, and because of that, we can live with confidence, purpose, and endurance, knowing that what we are experiencing now is not the end of the story.

Make It Practical

1. Prayerfully read Romans 8:18-25 several times. Take a few quiet moments to listen for what God may be speaking to you through His Word. Write down any thoughts, encouragements, or truths He is revealing to you.
2. Where are you currently experiencing “groaning” in your life? How can you intentionally hold on to God in that area this week instead of trying to carry it on your own?
3. Who around you is living in the tension of “groaning and waiting”? How can you encourage them this week with hope?

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“For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”

ROMANS 8:24-25 (NKJV)

Talk About It

1. What do you think God may have been saying to you through this message?
2. Pastor Dino emphasized being defined by what you're "in" – in Christ, in the Spirit, in hope. Discuss how this truth changes the way you see your current circumstances.
3. Pastor Dino taught us today how to live between the groaning and glory. Where are you currently feeling groaning in your life?
4. Which part of the HOPE points (Holding on to God, Opportunity, Perspective, Enduring) can help you focus on your future glory?

Prayer

Thank You, God, for the hope of heaven. Thank You that this is not all there is, that my current situation does not define my life, but that You have gone to prepare a place for me. Thank You, Jesus, for lifting my head and showing me that glorious hope. Help me, Holy Spirit, when I am overwhelmed by the struggles and present sufferings, to remember my eternal hope. In Jesus name. Amen.