

Romans 8:18-26

Guest Speaker Pastor Brent Roam

Launch

This week we took a break from Deuteronomy and had guest speaker, Pastor Brent Roam. Pastor Roam had us open to Romans 8 and talked about “Why We Hope in Hopeless Situations”. We learned that the Christians in Rome were being persecuted and in a hopeless situation. However, Paul reminds them of why they can have hope and why we can have the same hope today. We can confidently say that: Below the surface of our struggle, God is working for our good.

Explore

Read the passage

Read through Romans 8:18-26. Paul is writing to the Romans telling them to keep their hope in times of hopelessness. Paul goes on to say that we have the power of the Spirit working for us and we can have hope in this. However, we need to understand that if we are hoping for something we do not yet have, we need to wait patiently.

Most of the time we probably want to get out of hopelessness “in the now” and it is hard to wait around. *Why is it important to wait patiently? Does it ever feel like God is hanging you out to dry?*

Apply

Pastor Roam mentioned three things we do when going through a struggle; we deny, we demonize, and we despair. *Which of these do you turn to during a time of struggle or hopelessness and why?*

It's easy for us to lose sight of God and how He is working in our struggles. We need to remember God's power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). *How do you seek God in a time of weakness?*

We all experience struggles and hopelessness but in these struggles, God is sharpening us. *What is God working on below the surface of your struggle?*

Pray

Pray that we can keep our hope in times of hopelessness. Pray that we remember **all things** work together for those who love God.

Continue to pray for our church and church family as we prepare for adding another service and the continuing construction.