

November 9th, 2025

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When I am secure in Christ:
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## TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

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What changes when we see Paul describe the Spirit's help and intercession as or "groanless words" (NIV) or "groanings too deep for words" (NRSV/ESV)?

What happens when we position Jesus as the focal point and emphasis of Romans 8:28-30?

Consider Jesus as the Firstborn, the older Brother who secures our attachment with the Father. What difference does it make to be able to see him in this light?

What current struggles or uncertainties cause you to question God's will? How might your outlook change if you approached these moments knowing that God's will for you is to become like Jesus? What peace, purpose, or patience could flow from that conviction?

Secure attachment enables children to explore. What might you do differently (or how might you be different) if you were secure in Christ and confident in the Father's love for you? Do you struggle with this?

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