

becoming
who you are



“Free From Discouragement”

(Part 2)

Romans 8:28

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2. Because of the groanings of some
(vs. 19-27)
3. Because of the good God who is always at work (vs. 28)
4. Because of the gracious work of salvation and what that means (vs. 29-30)

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⁶ Jesus said to him,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father

except through me.

John 14:6

“A Christian may come not merely to a vague opinion, but to a certainty of what he holds.

As axioms and aphorisms are evident to reason, so the truths of religion are evident to faith.”



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10 ... but those who seek the Lord
lack no good thing.

Psalm 34:10

How God Makes It Good

(from Thomas Watson)

- a. By making the heart upright
- b. By conforming us to Christ
- c. By destroying sin
- d. By loosening our hearts
from the world
- f. By showing us ourselves
- g. By leading us to glory



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“God’s providence
is His constant care for
and His absolute rule
over all His creation
for His own glory
and the good of
His people.”



Jerry Bridges
4 Dec 1929 – 6 Mar 2016

“The foundational reason why all things work for believers’ good begins to emerge: God’s unstoppable purpose in calling believers to salvation cannot be frustrated,



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and thus
he employs all things
to bring about the plan
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 - c. Who is this for?

“The outward call
may bring men to a
profession of Christ,
the inward call brings them
to a possession of Christ.
The outward call curbs a
sinner,
the inward call changes
him.”



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11 This was according to the eternal
purpose that he has realized in
Christ Jesus our Lord,

Ephesians 3:11

***2 Examples of
Romans 8:28 in The Bible***

1. Joseph (Gen 37-50)

2. Paul (Acts 7-8)