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...some insights that helps us begin to see how things might, should, could, will and do fit together in our lives in light of the sovereign and redemptive purposes of Christ... both in eternity as well as His daily work in our lives through the truths of His Word and the presence of the Holy Spirit.



God is not finished with us yet..... we are a work in progress.

God will be faithful to do His part in transforming our lives... using the ultimate quality of love... that in the end will reveal His glory.

We are not victims of our circumstances nor dissuaded by the ill intent of others.



Our circumstances will work out to honor God, as a result of -our 'praying' for one another, and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Our lives have value, meaning and purpose even when they are accompanied by suffering.



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Last Week

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Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



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II Timothy 2:10

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.



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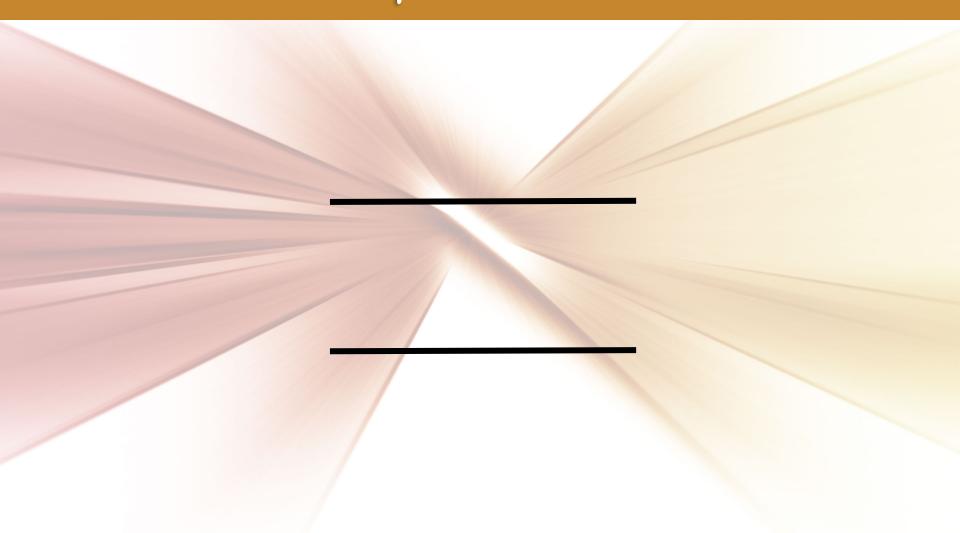


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