

ROMANS – PART 55

Romans 8:24-27

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1. **8:26-27** This description of the Holy Spirit's role is one of the most intimate glimpses we have of the inner workings of the Godhead.
2. **8:26** Suffering can and does leave us confused about the purposes of God and leaves us groaning for God's ultimate day of restoration.
3. **8:26** It is not that the Spirit helps occasionally when Christians are weak; our constant state is one of weakness, so the Spirit continually helps us.
4. **8:26** Paul does not say that the Spirit removes our weakness; it is still there, and we live our whole life in conditions of weakness.
5. **8:26** Weakness is not sin.
6. **8:26** Because of our imperfect views, our finite minds, and our spiritual limitations, we often pray for what we want, based on circumstance (Luke 9:54).
7. **8:26** The need to pray for the will of God in the midst of the circumstance is preeminent.
8. **8:26** Even if we do not know what God's will is, the Holy Spirit intercedes and brings the issue before the Father, even if we pray about it unwisely.
9. **8:26** Common reasons we do not go to God in prayer:
 - We think He is not interested.
 - We are afraid of what the answer might be.
 - We struggle with giving consistent attention to the need.

