

# Jesus – our perfect example

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## Upper Room & Gethsemane

After a special dinner on Thursday evening, Jesus led His disciples out to the Mount of Olives. Many evenings had previously been spent in this peaceful place, listening to Jesus teach, asking questions, talking about all the things that friends discuss. Many times, they had spent the entire night in peaceful sleep here after these blessed interactions.

But tonight? Tonight was different. During their earlier dinner together, Jesus had told them in [Mt 26:24](#) that He must die, as the scriptures declared long ago. As they walked together toward a special olive grove called Gethsemane, Jesus tried again to prepare His disciples for what was to come. He told them of the Holy Spirit who desires to live in them (and us) after He was gone ([John 14:15-21](#)). He reminded them of what the prophet [Isaiah](#) said about Him in [53:12](#), “He was numbered with the transgressors and bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors. He even told them that they all would desert Him that very night. But His disciples were determined that they would never leave Jesus ([Mt 26:31, 35](#)). However, as they arrived at this special place, Jesus reminded them that, while their spirit was willing, their flesh was weak ([Lk 22:40](#)).

I must ask myself, ‘How many times have I determined to do the right thing and have failed due to my weakness?’ Remember when the descendants of Israel witnessed the voice of God giving them the 10 commandments at Mt Sinai and how all the people said, “All that the Lord has said, we will do”? ([Ex 19:8](#)). How did that work out for them? Well, it wasn’t long until many of them were dancing around a golden calf, worshiping this idol of their own making ([Ex 32:1-6](#)). How have your commitments to God worked out? Have your promises and resolutions seemed like ropes of sand? I’ve been there, done that...

Do you recall that Jesus twice said in [John 5](#) that in his humanity He could do nothing? Then, this very night, He told his disciples that they could do nothing without Him. Remember In [John 15](#) how He is the vine and we are the branches. So, why should I be so arrogant as to think that I can do anything worthwhile without God! What do you think about that?

In [Proverbs 3:34](#), then echoed by [James chapter 4:6](#) and again in [1Peter chapter 5:5](#), “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”.

Friends, it is pride that says, “All that the Lord has said, I will do”. It was pride that caused the disciples to tell Jesus that they would not desert or deny Him. It was pride that gave false security to the disciples as they fell asleep instead of humbly, yet diligently, seeking God after Jesus plainly warned them to watch and pray so that they wouldn’t fall into temptation ([Lk 22:40](#)).

But, it was humility during His greatest temptation that caused Jesus to kneel and pray, “Father, if it be possible, please let this cup of suffering pass from me”. It was humility that caused Jesus to defer to Father God’s will, when He said, “Nevertheless, I want your will to be done, rather than mine” (Lk 22:42). Jesus is our perfect example. I want to be more like Jesus, seeking The Father in humble submission.

Now, I submit to you one last example. Let us consider Jesus, starting on the fateful Thursday night in Gethsemane...

Jesus was severely tested and suffered greatly that night in Gethsemane. Mark records in chapter 14 (verses 32-35) that after leaving the rest of His disciples and taking Peter, James, and John a little further, “He became deeply troubled and distressed. [In fact,] He told them, ‘My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.’ Then He went a little further and fell to the ground.” Oh, how He must have wished that His three best friends would have prayed with Him and encouraged Him in this, His great hour of need. Luke records in chapter 22 (verse 44) how that “He was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood as He plead with Father God to take this cup of suffering away from Him. Not once; not twice; three times Jesus made this plea. Three times He asked in humble submission, agreeing to go through anything if it be the Father’s will.

Oh friends, how often do we shrink from hardship, temptation and loss? How often do we tell Father God what we think we need instead of humbly submitting to His will, asking Him what He would have us do? (Acts 9:6) How often do we pity ourselves in our suffering instead of trusting that all things work together for good for them, for us, who love Him? Romans 8:28 Do we trust Him that much?

It was because of the joy awaiting Jesus, that “he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” (Hebrews 12:2).

Do we trust Jesus enough to rejoice “when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. 4 And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. 5 And this hope will not lead to disappointment.” Do we really believe how dearly God loves us? Do we really believe that he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love? –Romans 5:3-5. Or, would we rather ~~just continue our~~ have a pity party and blame God for our situation? Jesus is our perfect example.

As Jesus suffered there in the Garden of Gethsemane, dying to self, humbly submitting to Father God, it is recorded in Luke 22:43 that an angel from God arrived to strengthen Jesus. In the same way, as we choose to humbly submit to God in our time of trouble – in our time of temptations toward those sins that so easily beset us, as we choose to die to our wishes and

live to serve God, I believe that He sends an angel to strengthen us, just like He did for Jesus. That must be why Jesus strongly encouraged His disciples to watch and to pray.

## Angry Mob

Sadly they slept instead. Then when scary things began to happen, they all fled, instead of facing the trial with God as their strength. Jesus, on the other hand, as a result of His deep surrender in the garden to Father God and the resultant angel who came to His aid, faced His accusers without fear, knowing that He was in His Father's will. Yes, in all things, Jesus is our perfect example. Friends, I can testify to you today that every time – thousands of times – when I have surrendered myself to God in times of great temptation, God has always delivered me. I have only failed the temptation when I have failed the surrender. Like me so many times, Peter failed to surrender and look what happened...

After the mob showed up to arrest Jesus, and take Him away, Peter was still full of pride. Trying to take matters into his own hands, he pulls out his sword to do battle, but only manages to cut off the ear of one of the attacking mob. Jesus, with hands tied, releases Himself only long enough to heal that man's ear. (Mt 26:51)

We should ask ourselves, how out of the way will we go to help our enemies? Jesus earlier said, *"love your enemies! [b] Pray for those who persecute you! 45 In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven."* (Mt 5:44-45). Jesus is our perfect example. I want Him to live in me.

Do you remember what Jesus said to Peter after healing the man's ear? Check it out in **Matthew 26: 52**... *"Put away your sword [...]. Those who use the sword will die by the sword."* Some Christians today insist on having weapons for self-defense. Would we do that if we really believe that **ALL** things work together for good when we love God and are following His leading. I am of the opinion that nothing can happen to me without God's permission. And, if He gives permission for me to be harmed, then who am I to argue with God!? Since the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23) and I'm a sinner (1John 1:8), then anything better than death is better than I deserve. Have you considered this?

Friends, we can trust Jesus because He was tempted in all points like as we are, without sin (Hebrews 4:15). We can trust Jesus because He took our sins on himself (1Peter 2:24). He got what we deserve so that we can get what He deserves – eternal life.

After healing the man's ear, as Jesus again submitted to the mob, the disciples all fled, as Jesus had predicted. Their expectations of Jesus becoming King were dashed. Their lives seemed to be threatened. They weren't prepared with prayer as prescribed by their Master.

Friends, will we be prepared when troublous times come to those of us who choose to believe in and practice all of God's commands? Will we flee like the disciples, with only a little oil of

the Holy Spirit? Or, are we emptying ourselves now of self and inviting the Holy Spirit to fill that void? Will we be like the 10 foolish virgins, whose Holy Spirit oil ran out while waiting for the bridegroom? Or, will be like the 10 wise virgins, filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, ready at anytime to face whatever God allows, waiting faithfully for our bridegroom Jesus to come back and take us out of this messed-up world? –Matthew 25:1-13.

## **Annas & Caiaphas**

Now, the mob brings Jesus “to Annas [the previous high priest and] the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest at that time.” (Jn 18:13). These Jewish leaders were determined to kill Jesus, but because they were under Roman rule, they could not do so, without the Roman governor’s approval. To succeed, they must trump up some false charges that would be believable and worthy of the death penalty. They questioned Jesus through the night hours so as not to raise the ire of the sleeping supporters of Jesus.

Jesus said nothing to defend Himself. Jesus is our perfect example. We should ask ourselves, when we are falsely accused, what do we do? Do we defend ourselves, or do we let it go, as did Jesus?

## **Peter’s Denial**

It was during this mock trial that Peter denied his association with Jesus, not once, not twice, but 3 times. It was just after Peter’s third denial that Jesus turned and looked at Peter (Lk 22:61). Try to put yourself in Jesus’ place. Can you imagine how hurtful this was when He heard one of His best friends deny, *with curses*, that he even knew Jesus?

## **Annas & Caiaphas**

It was also during this questioning, trying to trap Him, that Jesus was slapped in the face. Some spit in His face. Then they blind-folded Him and beat Him with their fists. They said, “Prophecy to us. Who hit you this time? And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at Him. Then the guards slapped him around some more as they took him away.” (Matthew 22:63-65) Jesus did not defend Himself. Is Jesus our perfect example?

As we put our full and complete trust and love in the Almighty God of the Universe, we can be assured of the promise of Romans 8:28: “All things work together for good”. As we trust Him, everything that comes to us is first filtered through Him. We should ask ourselves, “How great is our trust in God?” Do we honestly trust God that much?

But when the Jewish leaders ask Jesus if He was the Messiah, for Him to be silent or to deny that He was, would be just as bad as Peter’s denials of Jesus. So Jesus said, “I Am”, which had the powerful meaning, “I Am the Lord”! Then, He went on to say, “And you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power, at God’s right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

(Mk 14:61-62) WOW! That's powerful! Later, through the inspiration of Jesus, the apostle John confirmed this in **Revelation 1:7**, where he said, of Jesus' second coming, "Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see Him – even those who pierced Him."

In some parts of the world today, it is dangerous to admit being a follower of Christ. It is well for us to consider what we will do when it becomes dangerous for us to speak our convictions. Will we boldly speak the truth as did Jesus, or will we deny our faith as did Peter?

## Absolute Surrender

I would submit to you today that the only way to boldly stand is to be filled with the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ. And the only way to be filled with the HS is to be emptied of self – completely surrendered to Jesus, just as Jesus was fully surrendered to Father God. IMHO, absolute surrender to God is our ONLY option! Oh God, help me to surrender more-fully to you.

**Galatians 2:20** says, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ, liveth in me. And the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loves me and gave himself for me." And when I am "crucified with Christ, I can say with the apostle Paul, "for God is working in me, giving me the **desire** and the **power** to do what pleases Him"

**Philippians 2:13**.

## Pilot -> Herod -> Pilot

Pilot was not stupid. He knew that envy was the driving force behind the Jewish leaders' insistence of Jesus being crucified. After questioning Jesus, both Pilot and Herod declared Jesus to be innocent. But that didn't satisfy the senseless crowd, so Pilot tried to stop this foolishness by offering to release Jesus, **OR** to release a most notorious criminal named Barabbas. A sensible crowd would have chosen Jesus, which must have been Pilot's hope. But, this crowd, controlled by demons, chose Barabbas to be released and insisted on Jesus being crucified.

Pilot made one last attempt to pacify the crowd, hoping to prevent the death of this innocent man. He had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. History names this type of flogging as the Roman Scourge. This was a short whip typically made of 2 or 3 tongs **or** rope of ox hide leather. These were each knotted with several chunks of iron and/or zinc. Sometimes there was a metal hook at the end, called the scorpion. This scourge, in the hands of a torturer, quickly removed skin from its victim. The goal was to bring the victim as close to death as possible without actually killing them.

They scourged my Jesus. Then they wove a crown from a thorn bush and pressed it down on his head, causing even more blood to flow. They spit on Him; they beat Him on His head with a stick. Then they covered him with a purple robe and presented Jesus to His accusers. But rather than being pacified by this horrendous torture, like hungry hyenas, they yelled, "Crucify

Him Crucify Him! Pilot again declared Jesus innocent and brought Him back to his private room. After Jesus made no reply to his questioning, Pilot said, *“Don’t you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?”* 11 Then Jesus said, *“You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.”* (Jn 19:10-11).

Did you catch that? Jesus inferred that nothing and no one can have power over Him, or (may I add) us, without God’s permission. Check this out from the book *Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*: *“The Father’s presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord’s permission and ‘all things’ that are permitted ‘work together for good to them that love God.’ Romans 8:28.”* -Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing 71

This is all about trust. It would be well for us to ask ourselves, “How great is my faith”, in other words, “To what extent will I fully trust God”. Job, in his great calamity said, “though He slay me, yet will I trust Him” What about me. Is my faith that great? What about you?

Remember Romans 8:28...? He also said that this pagan Roman Governor’s sin was NOT as great as that committed by the leaders of God’s formerly-chosen nation. How ironic is that?!

## Crucifixion

Pilot finally yielded to that demonic mob by authorizing the crucifixion of Jesus. The soldiers led Jesus” to a place called *Place of the Skull –Golgotha, in Hebrew*”. It was there that they nailed my Jesus to that old rugged cross. It was there that Jesus said of His persecutors, *“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing”*. We would do well to forgive those who mistreat us. Jesus is our perfect example. Healing comes to us as we forgive others.

Jesus was crucified between 2 thieves. One of them confessed his sin and also confessed Jesus as Lord. As a result, Jesus promised that man that he would be in heaven.

There may be someone in the hearing of my voice right now who is tempted to believe that he or she has sunk **too** low in sin to be saved. But the Bible says that if we confess our sin to God, He will not only forgive our sins, but also cleanse us from **ALL** unrighteousness – He will make us righteous (1John 1:9). Friend, if you are sorrowful for your sin and desire to turn away from it, then I guarantee you that there is still hope for you today. Like the thief on the cross, confess your sin and confess Jesus as your Lord and Savior, then begin a new life, committed

to the One who loves you more than He loves His own life – the One who longs to do more good for you than you can even imagine (**Ephesians 3:20**).

“**Luke23:44** By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. <sup>45</sup> The light from the sun was gone.”

I can imagine my dark sins, and yours, being laid upon my precious, sinless Savior during this time of greatest anguish. Since Jesus, in Gethsemane, fully accepted this mission, you and I do NOT have to die because of our sins. Jesus died in our place. Praise God!

“And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!”<sup>[a]</sup> And with those words he breathed his last. You know, Jesus didn’t have to accept any of this abuse. As the song says, “He could have called 10,000 angels to destroy the world and set Him free, but He died alone for you and me.” We should ask ourselves, “If we had the power to vaporize our enemies that are trying to kill us, what would we do? Would we humbly submit to God, trusting that He will do the right thing? Would we ask Father God to forgive those who are killing us? Friends, Jesus is our perfect example.

So you see, surrender to Yahweh, the Almighty Sovereign God of the universe is not just for the addict. Surrender is not just for dealing with those sins that so easily beset us. Surrender is not just for dealing with troublous times. Surrender of our will – Dying to Self – taking up our cross and following Jesus, or whatever you want to call it, is for daily living whether it is a good day, or a really bad Friday. “I know the plans I have for you,” says Yahweh. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope” –Jeremiah 29:11. Yahweh also says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”(Psalm 32:8)

One last question remains, “Will you do life YOUR WAY, or Yahweh?”

Jesus had been on the cross for a few hours. Typically, it took 2-3 days of suffering before a victim of crucifixion would die an extremely painful death. Jesus did not die from that. He died because of my sins and because of yours. Jesus died of a broken heart. The Bible says that the wages of sin is death (**Romans 6:32**). Jesus paid the wages of your sin and of mine.

**Luke23:47** When the Roman officer<sup>[b]</sup> overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “[according to mark: ‘Surely this was the Son of God’] <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowd that came to see the crucifixion saw what had happened, they went home in deep sorrow.”

## Sabbath Rest

As sunset drew near on that **Bad** Friday, wealthy friends of Jesus asked Pilot for and received the body of Jesus. They buried Him in an unused, nearby tomb just before Sabbath began. Even in death, Jesus rested on the Sabbath, just as it still is our privilege to rest and worship on each Sabbath day.

## Resurrection

But, praise God, that's not the end of the story. Early Sunday morning, because Jesus was the perfect, sinless sacrifice, "**Mt 28:2** Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards **shook with fear** when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Do NOT be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." "**Mark 16:7** Now go and tell his disciples, **including Peter**, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

Did you hear that, "including Peter!" who 3 times had denied that he even knew Jesus? One of the first messages from Heaven after the crucifixion was that, even though Peter failed, he was not forgotten. Even though Peter sinned against Jesus, he was considered by Heaven to still be one of Jesus's disciples and friends.

Friends, when you fail, when you sin, do NOT be discouraged. Instead, be grateful that Jesus still loves you and is waiting for you to come home to his open arms of love and confess your sins. The book of Matthew closes with some of the final words of Jesus before He went to Heaven. Jesus said, "*be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*"

I want to surrender all that I am and all that I have to Jesus. How about you?



## Sally & Peter

Sally grew up in an abusive, non-Christian home. There was really no safe place for her to retreat to – no place or person she could go to for comfort. There seemed to be only one thing she could do that brought her a degree of comfort – eat. As a result, she became quite overweight.

Many years later, she married, found Jesus and became a Christian. But her overeating had become an addiction. Eventually, she came to recognize her own powerlessness and came to trust God more and more. As she was reading in her Bible, she came across the story of Peter walking on water in [Matthew 14:24-33](#) (please read).

In this story, Sally found her “sword” text. From that time forward, when she was tempted to overeat, she would cry out, in her helplessness, to God: “*Lord Save Me, Lest I Perish!*” While in this surrendered condition, God was always faithful to give her the victory. 30+ years later, by the Grace and Power of God, she still maintains her ideal weight.

*“My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” –Jesus ([2 Corinthians 12:9](#))*

## Mike & Blind Bart

*“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.” ([Mark 9:23](#))*

God had delivered Mike from his other chemical addictions, but his addiction to nicotine was stronger than ever. It was especially hard in the small town in which he lived. Safeway was the only grocery store and because of the way the store was arranged, he had to walk right by the cigarettes in order to get to the groceries.

He had tried the “5-day plan”, patches and every other method of quitting that he had heard of. He quit smoking many times, only to pick them up again at a weak moment. Mike was about to give up when, as he was reading in his Bible, something caught his attention. It was the story of blind Bartimaeus ([Mark 10:46-52](#)).

As Jesus was leaving Jericho one day, with the typical large crowd of noisy people surrounding Him, blind Bart happened to be sitting beside that same road – begging. When he asked a passer-by what all the commotion was about, he was told that it was Jesus of Nazareth.

That was all Bart needed to know. You see, Bart had heard of the love of Jesus, and knew he could trust Him. He believed that Jesus could bring healing to him. So, he immediately began to cry out, “**Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!**” Many told him to be quiet, but he cried out all the more, “**Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!**” Finally Jesus heard Bart’s pleas for help, came to him, and healed his vision.

This was exactly what Mike needed to know. Hope began to well up in his heart. Since Jesus healed Bart of his blindness, then surely He would heal Mike of his nicotine addiction. It was then that he purposed in his heart, that whenever he was tempted, he would cry out, “**Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!**” Seriously, he really did do this -- verbally, out loud! He told me, “People look at you funny when you do that in Safeway... but you don’t smoke cigarettes. No, you don’t smoke cigarettes.”

After Mike began to trust in God enough to surrender himself to Jesus in his weakness, he never smoked another cigarette -- for the rest of his life.

*“And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.” ([Mark 10:52](#))*

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It may not be nicotine or overeating, but we all have sins that easily beset us. Friend, it matters not what your weakness is. Jesus is willing, able, and longing to deliver you too. You can trust Him. If you seek for Him with ALL your heart, you will surely find Him! ([Jeremiah 29:13](#)) But even if you turn away from Him, He will never leave you, nor forsake you ([Hebrews 13:5](#)). He will continue to pursue you with Infinite Love.

## MORE...

Jesus can't so neither can I

God can and is willing to do exceedingly abundantly more than I can imagine

I surrender all

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"He is either Lord of all or not at all." –Frank Phillips (Justified Walk, p. 97)

Desire of Ages, p. 685-end of book

As a freshman at WWC in the mid-seventies, I had to take a speech class. I ended up with an incomplete in that class that I never completed because I was too scared to stand in front of that small class and give my speech. I never took another speech class. So, what changed? I testify to you today that no matter what God calls us to do – no matter what! – God will provide anything and everything we need to make it happen! Like Moses at the Red Sea ([Exodus 14](#)), all we have to do is to choose to trust God – to move forward in faith. Then wait and watch and be amazed at what God will do.

Quoting now from Hebrews 2... *"14 [Since] God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil[...]. 15 Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves [...]"*. I don't know about you, but I spent many years in slavery to sins that easily beset me.

*"16 [...]. 17 [...], it was necessary for [Jesus] to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters,[h] so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people. 18 Since he himself has gone through suffering and testing, he is able to help us when we are being tested."* ([Hebrews 2:14-18](#)).

Here are some Andrew Murray quotes from his book, "Absolute Surrender":

"Denying self must every moment be the power of your life, and then Christ will come in and take possession of you."

"Being filled with the Holy Spirit is simply this -- having my whole nature yielded to His power. When the whole soul is yielded to the Holy Spirit, God Himself will fill it."

"a Christian is a man utterly surrendered to God's will!"

"death was the path to glory for Christ... Let death be to you the most desirable thing on earth—death to self, and fellowship with Christ."

Those were quotes from Andrew Murray's book, "Absolute Surrender", originally published in 1897.

Jesus admitting His Lordship was all the Jewish leaders needed to hear. Now they were ready to take Him to the Roman Governor. It was the early hours of the morning when they arrived at Pilot's home.

*"The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us. He who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ abides in Christ. The blow that is aimed at him falls upon the Saviour, who surrounds him with His presence. Whatever comes to him comes from Christ. He has no need to resist evil, for Christ is his defense. Nothing can touch him except by our Lord's permission and 'all things' that are permitted 'work together for good to them that love God.' Romans 8:28."* -Thoughts  
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*"All our sufferings and sorrows, all our temptations and trials, all our sadness and griefs, all our persecutions and privations, in short, all things work together for our good. All experiences and circumstances are God's workmen whereby good is brought to us."* -Ministry of Healing 488