

## Week 3 Reminiscing About the Future Romans 8:18-27

There's a big gap between the way life is and the way life will be at Christ's return. Because of that gap, creation groans, we groan, and the Spirit groans.

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Romans 8:18-22, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. <sup>19</sup>For *the creation* waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For *the creation* was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that *the creation* itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole *creation* has been *groaning* as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

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Romans 8:23-25, "Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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Romans 8:26-27, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."										