



AN INVINCIBLE FAITH
BECAUSE WE KNOW HOW THE STORY ENDS
ROMANS 8:18-25

Pastor Ben Blakey - Compass Bible Church - April 19, 2020

1. Get _____ (vv. 18-19)

Romans 8:18-25
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

2. Expect _____ (vv. 20-23)

3. Let _____ (vv. 24-25)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What gets you most excited about heaven? Find some specific passages that encourage you about heaven and meditate on these this week. Share these with your group if you are in a Life Group.

2. **Read Colossians 3:1-2.** What will be some of the negative effects in our lives if we do not do what these verses say? What will it look like for you to more consistently “set your mind on things above”?

3. **Read 1 Peter 4:12-13.** What are some problems that you can come from having expectations that the Christian life will be smooth and easy? What are some ways you might be tempted to think that?

4. **Read Romans 8:25.** Especially in the midst of this present crisis, how do you see God growing your patience? Of the five practical steps listed in the sermon, are there any you’d particularly like to focus on this week?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Alcorn, Randy. *Heaven*. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Fabarez, Mike. *Lifelines for Tough Times*. Harvest House, 2018.

Lewis, C.S. *The Weight of Glory*. HarperOne, 2001.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would all focus more on heaven this week.

Pray that God would grant us patience in this life and in this COVID-19 situation. Pray for our elected leaders – that God would grant them wisdom and courage.

Pray for this worldwide pandemic to lead to worldwide revival!

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | N.T. | Gospels |
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| 4/20/2020 | Joshua 18-20 | Psalms 49:1-32 | Romans 10:14-21 | Mark 2:18-28 |
| 4/21/2020 | Joshua 21-22 | Psalms 50:1-6 | Romans 11:1-16 | Mark 3:1-12 |
| 4/22/2020 | Joshua 23-24 | Psalms 50:7-15 | Romans 11:17-36 | Mark 3:13-21 |
| 4/23/2020 | Judges 1 | Psalms 50:16-23 | Romans 12:1-8 | Mark 3:22-35 |
| 4/24/2020 | Judges 2-4 | Psalms 51:1-6 | Romans 12:9-21 | Mark 4:1-9 |
| 4/25/2020 | Judges 5-6 | Psalms 51:7-12 | Romans 13:1-7 | Mark 4:10-20 |