

A person stands in silhouette on a dark, rocky hill, looking up at a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching from the bottom left towards the top center, with a vibrant pink and orange glow. The rest of the sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small white stars. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

When God's plan  
doesn't make sense

*Romans 8:28-30*



**WORLD GONE  
CRAZY**

Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to *persuade* others...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!...And *God* *has given us this task of reconciling people to him.*<sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful *message of reconciliation.*<sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors;

*2 Corinthians 5:11-20*

When God's purpose does not make sense, there is purpose in your pain.



*Big Idea*

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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# GOD'S PROMISES



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*ROmans 8:28-29*

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,  
because we know that suffering produces  
perseverance; perseverance, character; and character,  
hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because  
God's love has been poured out into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

*Romans 5:3-5*

But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

*1 Peter 4:13-14*

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because  
you know that the testing of your faith produces  
perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so  
that you may be mature and complete, not lacking  
anything.

*James 1:2-4*



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# GOD'S PROCESS

- ✦ *God CHOSE us. “Foreknew”*
- ✦ *God CHANGES us “Predestine”*
- ✦ *God CALLS us. “Called”*
- ✦ *God CLEANSSES us “Justified”*
- ✦ *God COMPLETES us. “Glorified”*



And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

*1 Peter 5:10*

God has a plan and is working His purpose for your life. This plan is based on His love for you. Out of His love He predestined to Choose you, change you, call you, cleanse you and complete His purpose in you