

## ***“Nothing Goes to Waste!”***

*Romans 8:28-29*

**Romans 8:28-29** (NASB) “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to *become* conformed to the image of His Son...

**God redeems every aspect of our lives for His glory and our good---He allows nothing to go to waste!**

*Since God redeems every aspect of our lives and allows nothing to go to waste, what does He give us?*

### **1. God gives to us perspective of the past.**

**Romans 8:28a** (NASB) “And we know that God causes all things...”

**Philippians 1:12-14** (NIV) “Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.

### **2. God gives to us gifts for the present.**

**Romans 8:28b** (NASB) “Work together for good...”

**Psalm 103:1-5, 10-14** (NIV); **Hebrews 4:14-16** (NIV);  
**2 Corinthians 1:3-4** (NIV)

*“Good does not mean we will always get what we want, rather we will be given what is best for us.”*  
Grant Osborne, *Commentary on Romans*

### **3. God gives to us hope for the future.**

**Romans 8:28c-29b** (NASB) “To those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose...to become conformed to the image of His Son...”

**Jeremiah 29:11**(NIV); **Romans 8:30**(NIV); **Philippians 1:6**(NLT)

*So many times we wonder why God has certain things happen to us. We try to understand the circumstances of our lives and we are left wondering. But God’s foolishness is so much wiser than our wisdom. From generation to generation, from small beginnings and little lessons, He has a purpose for those who know and trust Him. God has no problems—just plans.*

*-Corrie Ten Boom, “My Father’s House”*