

2/14: Romans 8:18-21

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.”

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Questions:

1. What stands out from the passage? What is Paul talking about?
2. Do you think the world is inherently good, or inherently broken? Explain why.
3. Name a time when you have experienced suffering, big or small. What was it like? How did it make you feel? How did you deal with it?
4. What promise does Paul give in this passage? Why is it relevant to us?
5. Why would Paul say that our present sufferings are *not worth comparing* with our future glory? What do you think he is trying to convey?
6. Does Paul seem to think that suffering and pain will last forever, or that it will end some day? Do you agree?
7. Do you think that hope in a future life with God can affect your life in the present? Why or why not?
8. How would your life look different if you lived with this promise in mind?