

Four Great Encouragements

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- **Adam**

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ROMANS 5:12B

¹² ...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned

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from our linkage with **two persons:**

- Adam
- Christ

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2 TIMOTHY 3:12

¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

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What are the **encouragements**?

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Compare the coming **glory**
to the present **groaning.**

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ROMANS 8:23

²³ 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.

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ROMANS 8:11B

¹¹ ...he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies...

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C.S. LEWIS, *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

“Hope... means... a continual looking forward to the next world... It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present thought most of the next...”

C.S. LEWIS, *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

“It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they are inefficient in this. Aim at heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in;’ aim at earth and you will get neither.”

A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background and a dense forest of trees in the foreground. The sky is a clear, light blue. The text is overlaid on the image.

The Holy Spirit is **helping.**

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ROMANS 8:22

22 We **know** that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

ROMANS 8:28

²⁸ 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.

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ROMANS 8:26B

26 ...We do **not know** what we ought to pray for...

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ROMANS 8:27

²⁷ 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.

Two intercessors:

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- The Holy Spirit in the heart

HUDSON TAYLOR

“It doesn’t matter, really, how great the pressure is, it only matters where the pressure lies. See that it never comes between you and the Lord – then, the greater the pressure, the more it presses you to His breast.”

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God is working for the **good.**

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“And we know...”

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- The **comprehensiveness** of the working

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- The **comprehensiveness** of the working
- The **goal** of the working

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- The **comprehensiveness** of the working
- The **goal** of the working
- The **limitation** of the working

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God is **for** us.

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God has a stronger grip **on me**
than I have **on Him!**

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RUTH HARMS CALKINS (*PARAPHRASED*)

“God, I may fall flat on my face; I may fail until I feel old and beaten and done in. Yet Your love for me is changeless. All the music may go out of my life, my private world may shatter to dust. Even so, You will hold me in the palm of Your steady hand. No turn in the affairs of my fractured life can baffle You...”

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“...Satan with all his braggadocio cannot distract You. Nothing can separate me from Your measureless love —pain can’t, disappointment can’t, anguish can’t. Yesterday, today, tomorrow can’t. Life can’t. Riots, war, insanity, unidentity, hunger, neurosis, disease...”

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“...None of these things nor all of them heaped together can budge the fact that I am dearly loved, completely forgiven, and forever free through Jesus Christ Your beloved Son.”



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