

It's Gonna Work Out

How to Know, Understand, and Trust God

Review This Week's Sermon

Review Key Scriptures

[Philippians 1:3-6](#)

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

[Philippians 2:13](#)

For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.

[Romans 8:28-29](#)

We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

[Genesis 50:20](#)

You planned evil against me; God planned it for good to bring about the present result—the survival of many people.

[2 Corinthians 12:7b-9](#)

Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so that I would not exalt myself. Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times that it would leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

[Proverbs 3:5-8](#)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Don't be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. This will be healing for your body and strengthening for your bones.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If life consists of seasons, then share the most meaningful season of life that God has brought you through (it could be a “sunny season” or it could be a “cold dark season”). Share with your group and explain the meaningfulness of that season.

Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Defining some terms: Read [Philippians 1:3-6](#) & [Philippians 2:13](#).
 - What is Paul referring to when he says: “good work”?
 - What is “the day of Jesus Christ”?
 - What is God’s “good purpose”?

Start sharing. Ask questions to create openness.

- God always completes His work. But when you can’t see your plan through, or it doesn’t line up with God’s, how do you tend to react?
 - What are you tempted to believe about God in those moments?
- Read [Romans 8:28-29](#). God’s purpose is to make us be like Christ.
 - What does it mean to be like Christ?
 - How has God made you more like Christ already?
- Certainty & stability hinge on a crucial factor: FAITH. What does looking into the past help us do when we feel uncertain or unstable?
- Take a moment to be vulnerable: what do you struggle with leaving in God’s hands even though you’ve seen His faithfulness and you know His character?
- Read [Genesis 50:20](#). What evil have you seen God work for good in your life? When you observe the tapestry God has woven in your life, how does that make you want to respond towards Him now?
- Read [2 Corinthians 12:7b-9](#). Why is Paul content with his struggle and being weak?
- Read [Proverbs 3:5-8](#). What do you need to trust God about more?

Start praying together. Be bold and pray with power.

Father, we put our lives in your hands. You love us and have a purpose for us and we surrender to that. Help us to know you in every part of our lives. Help us to understand your purpose for our lives. And please help us to trust you even when our faith is weak and we start to sink. You are completely in control and you are working all things out for our good and your glory. - Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start a prayer journal with what is heavy on your heart. Set a reminder to come back and see how God has answered or has revealed more of his purpose to you.
- Memorize [Romans 8:28-29](#).
- Start the *Always In Control* Bible Plan using the YouVersion Bible app or online - [Always In Control](#)

- Consider how you could love God and love others by serving during the week or weekend <https://www.atharvest.church/serve>