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## Seasons

“A Season of Testing”

### **Romans 8:28 (NLT)**

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

### **Sermon Summary:**

Life is full of seasons—each with its own unique joys and challenges. These seasons can feel like a paradox: anticipated yet dreaded, predictable yet full of surprises. We often long for them to arrive, only to wish they would end once we’re in them. Seasons bring both excitement and frustration, tears of joy and moments of heartache.

Whether foreseen or unexpected, the changing of seasons can lead to weariness. We feel like the days are growing longer, our prayers unanswered, and our relationships stretched. Yet, these seasons are not only inevitable—they are necessary for growth. They are the spaces where we learn, mature, and align more deeply with God’s purpose for our lives.

In this series, we will explore how the real-life stories of ordinary people intersect with the timeless truths of Scripture, helping us navigate life’s varied seasons with hope, faith, and purpose. Through these stories, we’ll see how the gospel speaks directly into every stage of life—transforming our weariness into resilience and our frustrations into faith.

### **Ice Breaker Questions:**

1. What’s your go-to comfort food when you have had a bad day?
2. What’s one thing that makes you smile, no matter what?
3. How do you usually react when things don’t go as planned – pray, problem-solve, panic or something else?
4. What is an event in your life that you would like to ask God why it happened?
5. Share about a time in your life when something unexpected or challenging turned out for the better.

### **Scripture Study Questions:**

1. Who is the promise directed toward?
2. What does Paul claim we “know” in this verse?
3. What is said to happen to all “things”?



4. What conditions are listed for those to whom the promise applies?
5. What does “all things work together for good” mean in this context?
6. How might “good” differ from an individual’s own idea of comfort or success?
7. What does it mean to be called “according to his purpose”?

**Application Questions:**

1. Share about a time that you experienced a situation where something difficult ultimately brought good in your life.
2. How does this verse challenge your view of trials and suffering?
3. How does this verse encourage you in seasons of uncertainty or hardship?
4. What does this verse teach you about God’s sovereignty?
5. What is something you are facing currently that this verse helps you take the next steps?