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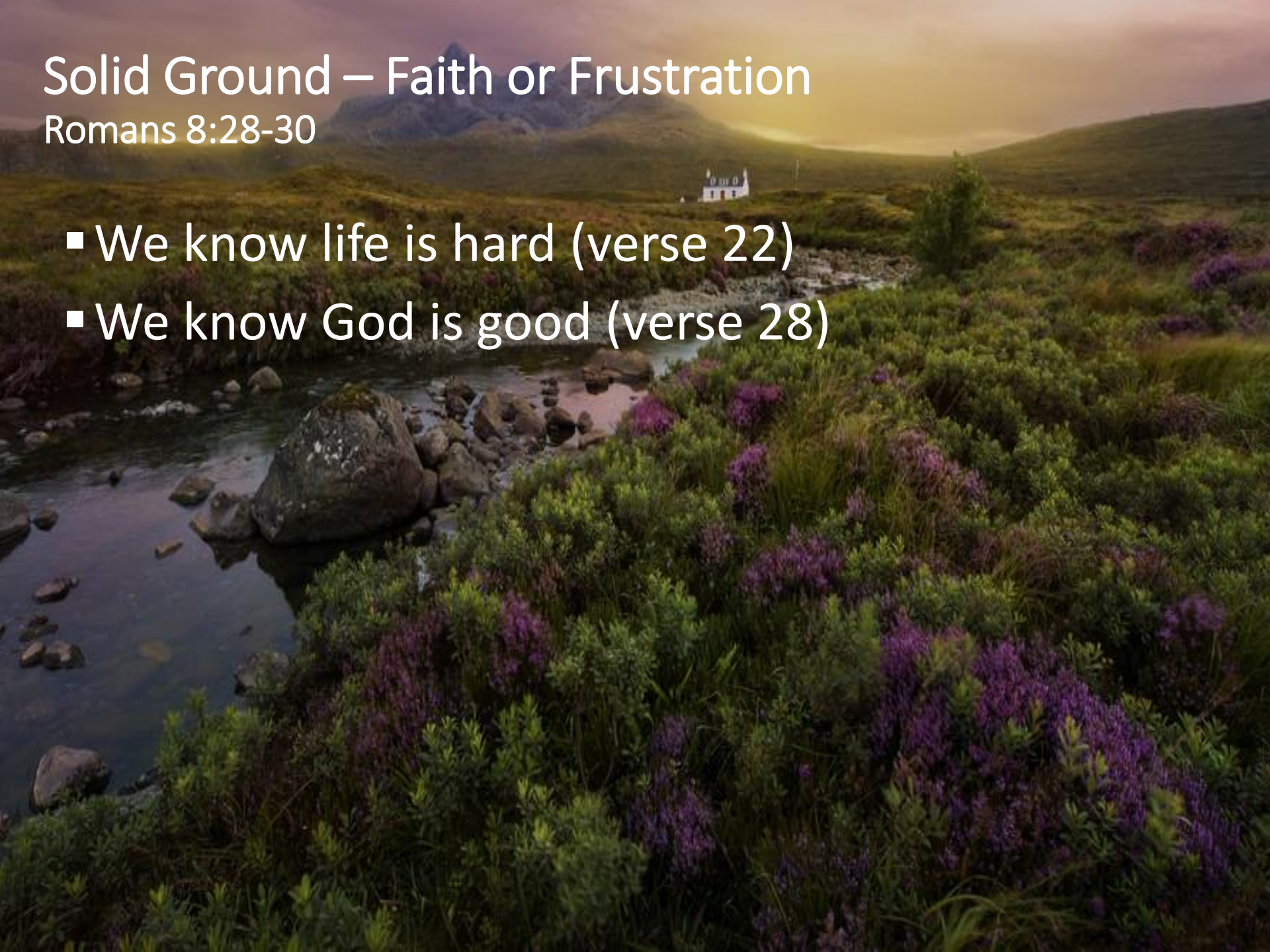
Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

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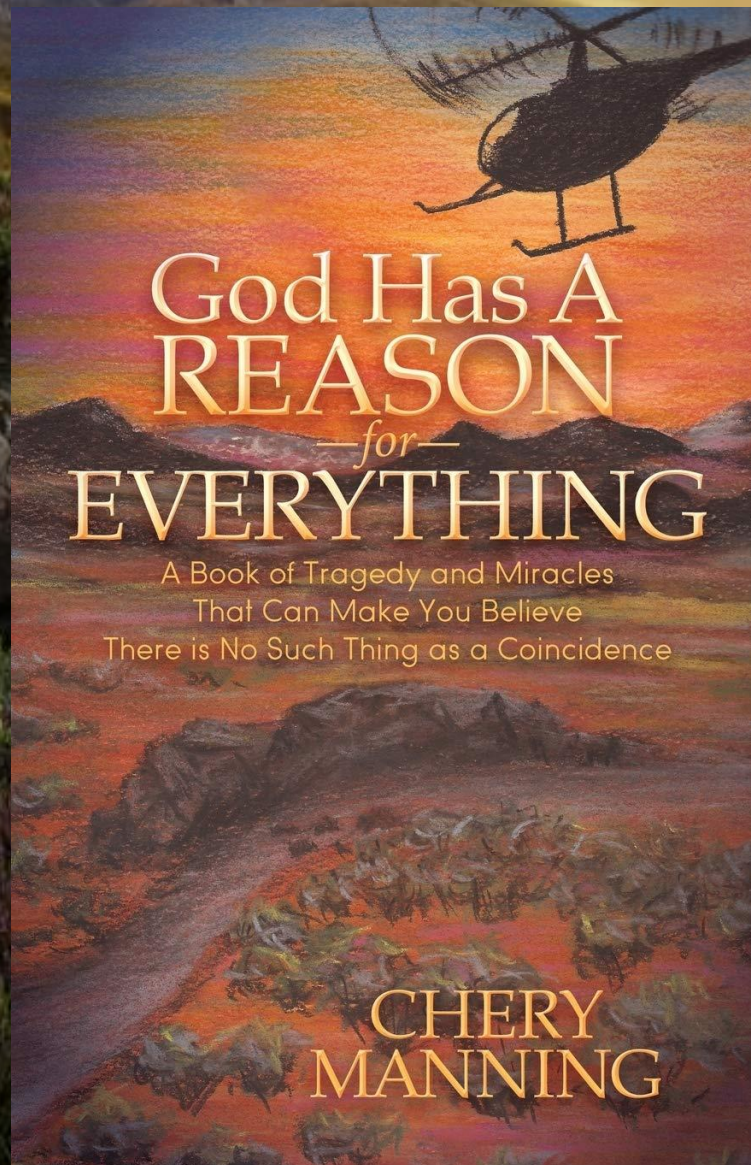
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- We know life is hard (verse 22)
- We know God is good (verse 28)



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Why?

1) We live in a fallen world and we inherited a sin nature from Adam.

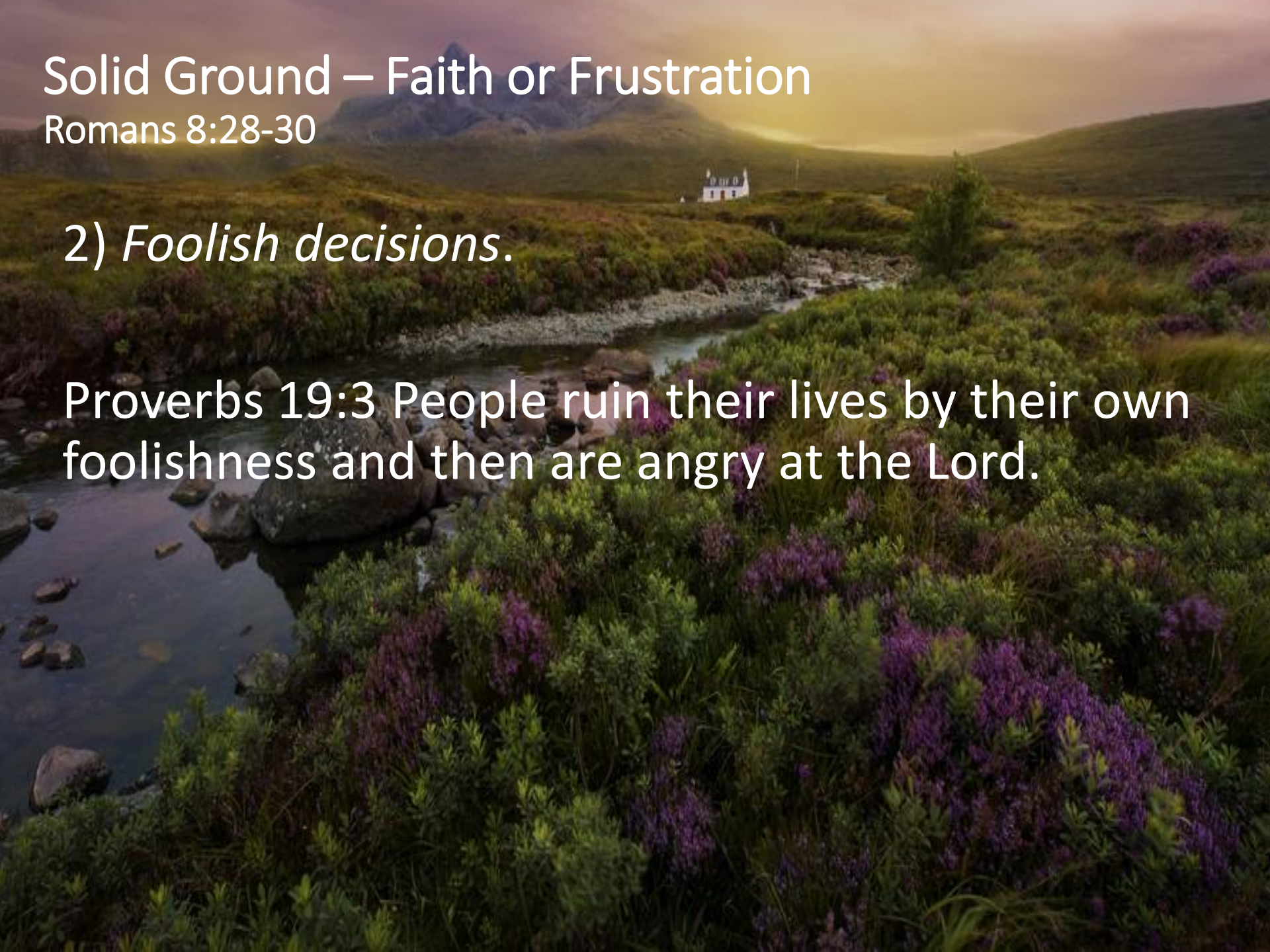
John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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2) *Foolish decisions.*

Proverbs 19:3 People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.



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3) *Self-inflicted wound.*

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

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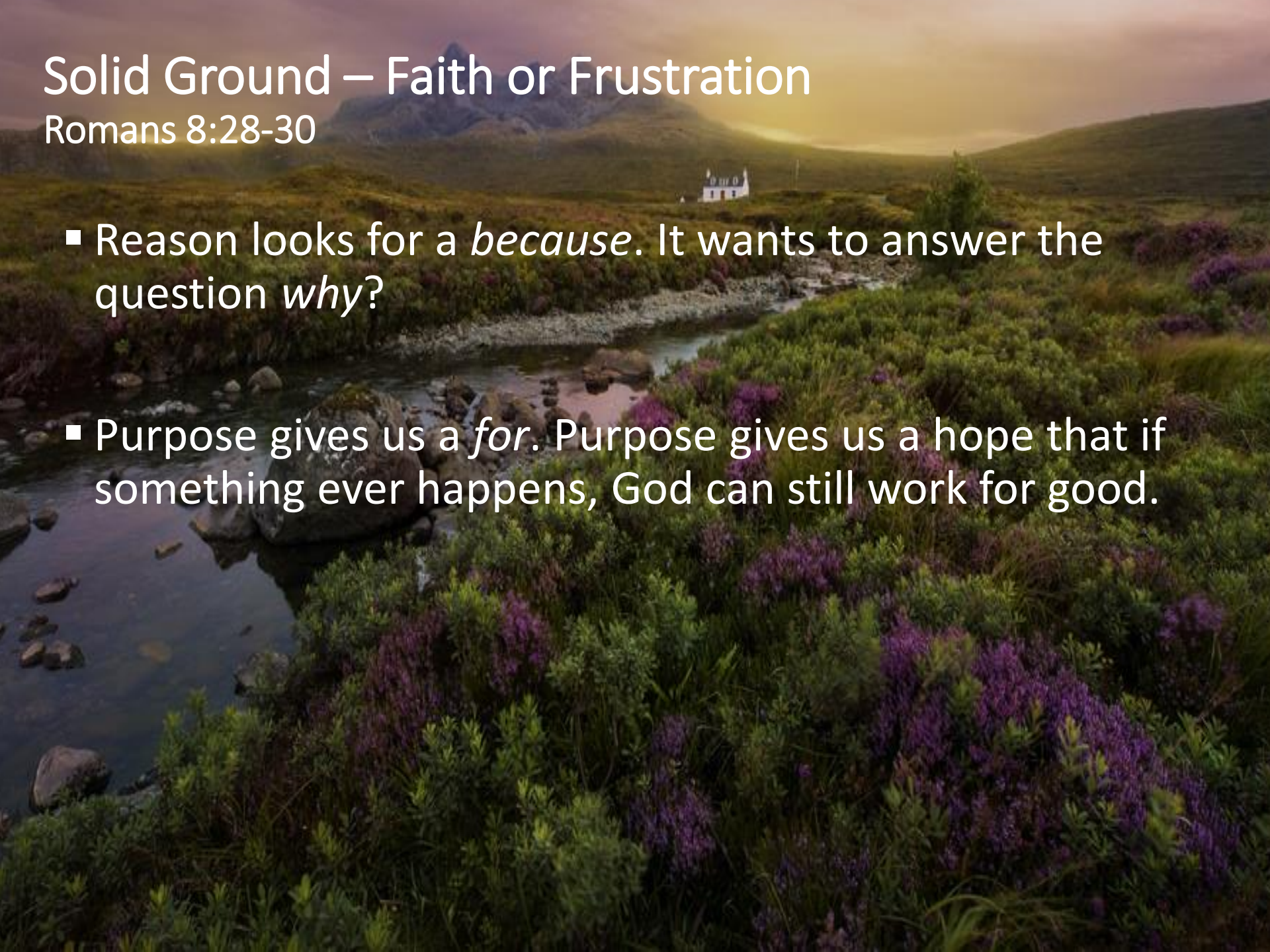
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**WHEN SOMEONE SAYS
"EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR
A REASON" A FUN THING TO
DO IS PUNCH THEM IN THE
FACE AND SAY "THIS WAS
MEANT TO BE!"**

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- Reason looks for a *because*. It wants to answer the question *why*?
- Purpose gives us a *for*. Purpose gives us a hope that if something ever happens, God can still work for good.



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²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.