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²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us ...

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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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Reasons that bad stuff happens in life

1) *We live in a fallen world and a spiritual battle is taking place.*

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) *We make 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) *The consequence of our sinful choices. Self-inflicted wounds.*

Galatians 6:7 ... 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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Reason looks for a *because*. It wants to answer the question *why?*

Purpose gives us a *for*. Purpose gives us hope that God can still work *for* good.

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I John 3:1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, ...