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1. Read Romans 8:28. Define the words, “all” and “good” according to context of the passage. How does that enhance the depth and meaning of God’s promise made in this passage?
2. Review and summarize the story of Joseph in Genesis 37-50. List all the evils that Joseph experienced? What are the ultimate “goods” that God accomplished through them? How could the “goods” not have been possible without the evils?
3. According to Romans 8:28, who is this promise for? How does God’s saving grace encourage you that God will and does keep his promise?
4. Read Romans 5:3-5. Define the words, “endurance”, “character” and “hope.” Summarize the passage in your own words. How have you seen this true in your own life?

Living it Out

1. Do your REALLY believe the promise of Romans 8:28 in your life? Why or why not?
2. Read Luke 8:22-25. How was the disciples’ vision of Jesus clarified through the storm? How might Jesus be clarifying your vision of him through the current or past storms in your life?
3. Be sure to spend time praying for one another!

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