



## God Didn't Say Everything Eventually Turns Out Good

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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT)

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. Romans 8:28 (NIV)

About that time, King Herod reached out to harm some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. Acts 12:1-2

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, a whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10

### I won't waste what God is doing.

### I will not overthink this.

*I may never know the good, but I know God. And God is good.*

### I will never give up.

*That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.*

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6

### For your LifeGroup and personal growth...

**What is one thing in your life you feel good about accomplishing?**

**Talk together about times we have doubted why God is seemingly doing things for no reason.**

**Read Romans 8:18-25. What's it saying to us? How does it relate to Romans 8:28-29?**

**Look at the lists of character qualities in 2 Peter 5-8 and Galatians 5:22-23. Which one(s) have you felt you are growing in?**

**God not only works IN us, but he also works situations and circumstances for good in His world. Can you think of an example of that (either in the Bible, the news, or in your life) where good came of bad?**

**What's going on in your life right now that, although it is hard, you feel you are (with God's help), growing.**

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