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Key Things You Heard

- God can redeem anything because He redeemed us from sin.
- God gives His Spirit to guide our hearts and minds to peace.
- God has the power to redeem death.
- God adopts us.
- God works for our good.
- Nothing is too big for God.

Pray

Heavenly Father, You long to redeem us from our sin. You long to restore us into a right relationship with you. You are always working for our good. You long to fix the brokenness of our lower story lives and use those stories for your glory. So, let us be brave enough to not keep things hidden but bring things into the light so that you can do your work in and through us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Tweetable Moments

"We need to replace, 'Everything happens for a reason,' with 'Anything can be redeemed.'"

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Questions for Conversation

Icebreaker: Tell about a favorite childhood memory that is centered around family.

- Read **Romans 8:5**. This is a simple statement. Yet, it is so informative for the believer. In your own words, what is this verse saying? Make an application to your life today. What are some practical ways you can set your mind on what the Spirit desires? What can you do during the day to remain focused on the things of the Spirit?
- Read **Romans 8:12-13**. We all know we cannot be good enough to earn our salvation. Keeping that in mind, what is this verse asking us to do, and why?
- Read **Romans 8:18, 22-23**. How does this verse debunk the “Health, wealth, and prosperity” doctrine? (This doctrine states that God wants us to be healed, be wealthy with monetary assets, and live in prosperity.) Should we be surprised when suffering comes? What should our attitude be toward suffering?
- Read **Romans 8:26-28**. Tell us about your prayer life. Where and when do you pray? What area of prayer do you struggle with, and why?
- *Kintsugi* is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery using gold. How is this a good example of **1 Peter 5:10-11**? (**Read**)

Now Go Do It (resources and next steps)

Challenge: Over the next week, watch *The Broken Way*, by Ann Voskamp on RightNow Media. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/content/details/511507>