HELEN SANDERS 4-18-2021 TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." This verse is often misquoted. Many say all things are good for them that love God, but it doesn't say that. It says all things work "together for good."

We all have hard things that happen to us in life's journey. We have a choice when they happen, to learn from them, or become overwhelmed by them. Whatever "pit" you have been thrown into, there will be an opportunity for you to use your testimony to show others how God brought you out. The bad things and the good things work together. God doesn't send bad things to us to teach us lessons. Sin brings things to us that often hurt us. Yet, we can take the hurt and turn it into victory with God's help.

If you were to look at a knitted sweater on the inside, you might see some tangled threads and yarn that has been knotted together. On the outside it looks beautiful, but the knotting together has to take place for the completed work. It isn't seen, but it is there, holding the sweater together.

Don't let the "knots" in life or the "have nots" in life defeat you. Know that God can take these things and work them together in his time for our good. There will always be a season where we spend time in the "cocoon" but that is where transformation comes. It is dark and lonely there, but things are working together for the emerging of something beautiful.

Remember, God has a plan, and it is good!