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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 128

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His working love**. **Rom. 8:28** “*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*”

The Greek word for work together is *sunergos* which means *in association and connected together*. This passage is a statement about God’s faithful love to those who truly love Him and are following Him with their lives. I remember reading a quote from Joni Eareckson Tada. She said “*God allows what He hates, to accomplish what He loves.*” In other words, He desires more than anything, for us to be made more and more into His likeness. He will strip away anything that takes our focus away from what He wants to do in our lives. Many times people read and even memorize this verse and think that all things will be *easy* or all things will be *like we think they should be*. That’s not God’s way. His way is to strip away anything that keeps us from abiding in Him.

My Mom used to say that I was *hard-headed*. I didn’t really know what she meant by that, but I do now. Sometimes we are so stubborn and we want to do things our own way. And even though God gives us free will, He desires us to turn our will over to Him. When we do, we can **know** that God causes all things to work together for good. Remember, **James 1:2-4** reminds us that we are to: *count it all joy when we face trials of many kinds because we 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.*

Dear Father, we praise You that You are always at work because of Your great love for us. You love us too much to leave us alone, but instead You desire us to live in Your presence and learn from You. Help us desire You more and more each day. In Jesus Name, Amen