



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“God Has My Attention”

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Romans 8:28, 35, 37 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

³⁵Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁷No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

* Do I “really” believe Romans 8:28?

1 Peter 3:14b-15 (NIV)

“Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

Lessons in Challenging Times

1. Challenging times are an inevitable part of the _____ of life.

2. Challenging times hurt many who have done things _____.

3. Challenging times expose “_____” in our current position.

4. Challenging times always reminds me how _____ the Bible is in EVERY SEASON!

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

- Earn money enthusiastically, with _____.
- Live well within your means – create _____!
- Avoid _____ like the plague!
- Tithe 10% _____ to your church.
- _____ consistently.
- Give generously to help the _____.
- Trust God for your _____.

5. Some people may get hurt far worse than I do and it is my _____ to help them.

Philippians 4:11-12 (NIV)

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NIV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Personal Action Steps

- In the past, when have I experienced Romans 8:28 come to pass in my life?
- When the pressure is on, am I tempted to “short cut” God’s plan?
- Who can I be a voice of faith and hope to?