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Digging Deeper into Romans 8:18-25

1. **Read Romans 5:1-5.** Think about the spectrum of *Despair to Hope*. When most people are going through suffering, what do you think is the product in their lives: despair or hope? Why is this?

Now Read Romans 8:18-25.

2. Verse 18 emphatically states that our future glory is exceedingly worth whatever suffering we are enduring now. Can we really apply this to all suffering that people are enduring today? What is this glory that is yet to come?

3. Discuss the concept of how the current woes and the future deliverance of the created world are connected to the “children of God.” Do you think this could be related to Genesis 3:17-19?

4. Romans 8:15-17 tells us that we have been adopted and we have received the Spirit of adoption. But then 8:23 says that we only have the firstfruits of the Spirit and we are eagerly waiting for our adoption. Discuss how both can be true.

5. Now, put your sanctified imagination to work. What do you think our new bodies will be like?