

Affirmation: ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD.

Do all things really work together for good?

When I read that "all things work together for good" (Rom 8:28 NRSV) I feel a temporary sense of peace, until I begin to wonder "How?" If I take a moment away from the need to know all the answers, I may remember that the scripture continues - "for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." If God's purpose is always the highest and best, my job is to simply be open to the myriad possibilities of how that may look.

I release the need to have a full, cognitive understanding of each challenging circumstance, and instead trust in God's purpose. I don't really need to know "How."

I instead focus on my own purpose. What is mine to do as a spiritual leader to help others in difficult times? How can I be "on purpose" with my purpose? I am not here to have all the answers, but rather to model a faithful and non-anxious presence. With prayer and meditation, I open the door for clear thinking and discernment. I do not get caught up in worry or fear, but rather reinforce my faith in God. From this place I bring peace to those around me, remembering, once again, that "all things work together for good . . ."