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“People ruin their lives by their own stupidity, so why does God always get blamed?” Proverbs 19:3 (MSG)

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 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A28&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28145a)] have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV)

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 “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 (NABRE)

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.” 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

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*“Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Philippians 2:14-15a (MSG)*

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