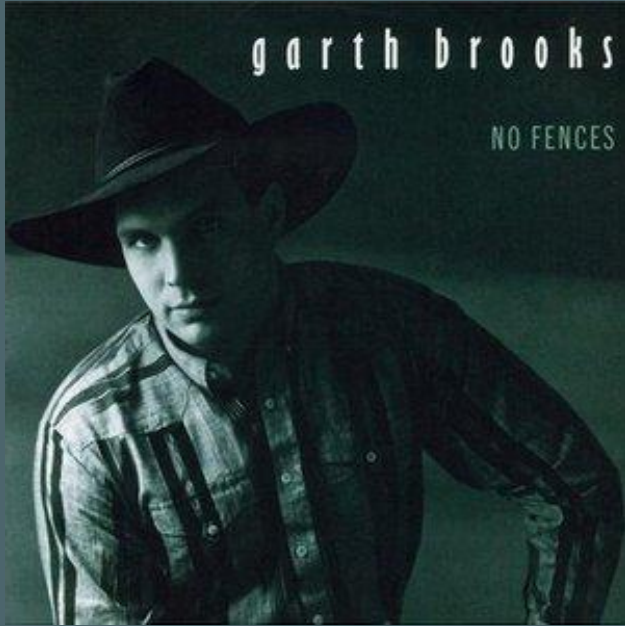




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ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Romans 8:28



“Sometimes I thank  
God for unanswered  
prayers.”

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And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER

How is this passage often interpreted?

“Right now, God is working behind the scenes in your life! No matter what you may be facing, no matter what trial you may be going through, God has a plan to turn things around in your favor. Right now, He is working out a plan for your good. Right now, He is orchestrating the right people to come across your path. He is orchestrating the right opportunities to open up to you....

Focus on His goodness in your life, knowing that He rewards the people who seek after Him...You'll experience His peace and joy and embrace the victory He has prepared for you!”

Joel Osteen

In June, a fire broke out at New Covenant Academy's (NCA) new Liberty Campus. After months of renovations, the campus will open to students Tuesday morning. "The fire was contained and Romans 8:28 says all things work together for good," Linda Bex, teacher, said. "So I believe that it all worked together in His timing."

Springfield, Missouri news article

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How is this passage often interpreted?

If something bad happens to you, expect God to do something good in the near future in order to balance the scales.



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Why is the usual interpretation incomplete?

- Not everything IS good, but God works everything FOR good.
- Romans 8:28 is only for those who believe in Jesus.

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“Everything will be OK in the end. If it’s not OK, it’s not the end.

John Lennon

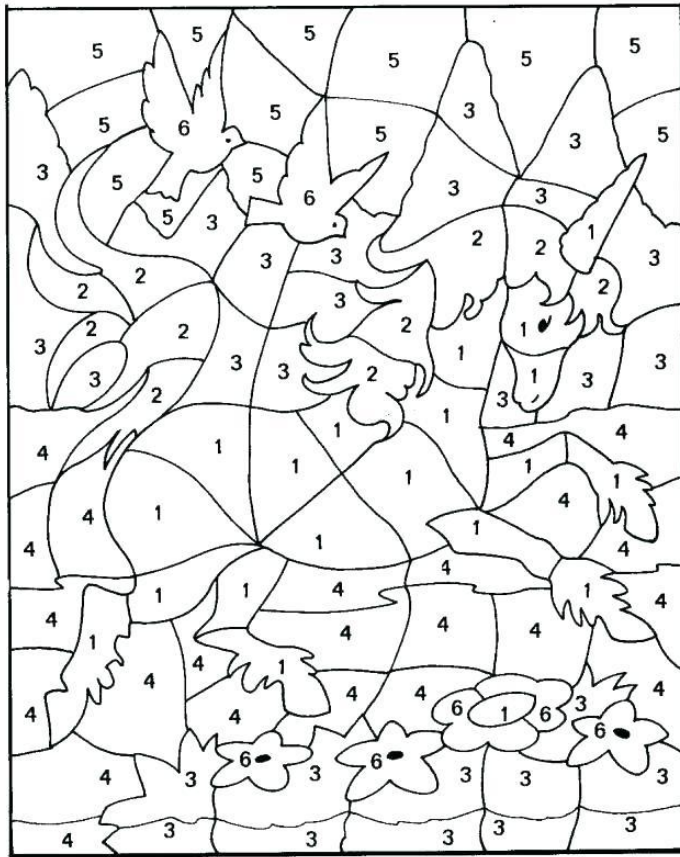
“Don’t worry ‘bout a thing, ‘cause every little thing gonna be alright.”

Bob Marley

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Why is the usual interpretation incomplete?

- Not everything IS good, but God works everything FOR good.
- Romans 8:28 is only for those who believe in Jesus.
- Romans 8:28 offers eternal hope, not quick fixes.



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So what does the passage mean?

For those who know Jesus, we have an unshakeable hope that nothing can ruin God's plans for us. Even in the worst of circumstances, God is working for our salvation and toward the renewal of all creation.

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“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.

Genesis 50:20

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“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace...also we have obtained an inheritance...

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...having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will.

Ephesians 1:7, 11



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What does the passage mean?

- Nothing happens outside of God's control.

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God cannot be tempted by evil, and He himself does not tempt anyone.

James 1:13b

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[Jesus], delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Acts 2:23

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What does the passage mean?

- Nothing happens outside of God's control.
- God is conforming us to Christ's image (vs 29).
- The end of our story is good.

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## How should we respond?

- Trust in Jesus.
- Don't be ashamed to grieve.
- Trust God's character.
- Remember the good news!



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