

**Sermon Notes**  
**“Waiting While Weak”** (Rom 8:26-27)  
Apr 2, 2023

**Discussion Questions**

These questions are only a guide. Feel free to share how God has spoken to you, what areas you question &/or do not understand. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

➤ **As life gets harder... (8:26a)**

What areas of life are causing you the most pain and doubt? Which of those circumstances are you willing to acknowledge the need for help? Which ones are you still too self-reliant, relying on your own strength?

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➤ **The Spirit steps in (8:23b-24)**

Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit is ‘in us’, is ‘with us’ and willing to ‘share our load’. Do you believe that? Do you see God as one who loving comes alongside and helps us or is He uncaring and distant?

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**When there’s no words (8:26b)**

The Holy Spirit’s work on our behalf is in the context of prayer. How would you describe your prayer life? Many struggle in this area. Why is talking honestly with God, who is our help, so difficult?

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**God knows your heart (8:27a)**

When you come to God in prayer, what does that time look like? How do you tend to pray? What are the obstacles to sharing honestly with God, even in wordless groans, from your heart?

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➤ **A rich ‘goodness’ emerges (8:27b; Rom 12:1-2)**

We pray when we have been captivated by seeing our ‘Abba’, desire to be like Him, seek to serve Him, and know we are in need of His strength? This all starts when we acknowledge our inadequacy and dependency. Are you willing to acknowledge both? What stops you?

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**Get honest with inadequacy**

**Pray with bold weakness**

Out of the struggles and pains of life, new beginnings start to emerge. God’s divine purpose becomes real in our lives. How have you discovered His will in hard times? Do you believe He makes it ‘good’?

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