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TITLE	It's All Good
SERIES	The Bible is full of wisdom, and many of us have favorite verses. But many of the sayings hanging on our walls and wrapped around our coffee cups are taken out of context. They may inspire or encourage us, but their meaning is distorted. Let's clarify some of the most misused verses in the Bible.

Today's Headlines

"Terror in America: ISIS and Election 2016 ... how the Orlando massacre illustrates the scope ... of ISIS"

"Thomas Mair has been charged with the murder of British MP Jo Cox"

"13 children killed in Russian tourist boat disaster"

We are surrounded with accounts of tragedy and heartache. Many of us are all too familiar with sickness, disappointments, financial struggles, addictions, and the death of loved ones. In the midst of this

Romans 8:28 states "And we know that all things work together for good..." Really? Sometimes this statement can be a sucker punch to the gut. Let's take a deeper look together at what God has to say.

1. Do you have **Romans 8:28** on a coffee mug or plaque? How you will look at it differently after this week's teaching?
2. In light of Father's Day, share what attributes, beliefs or ideals were passed on to you from your father or mother that you've found valuable?
3. If you have children, there are frequently times when we allow them to go through tough times to help them grow. Have there been times when they have not seen your love and guidance through times of hardship? How has walking with them through these experiences been difficult for you as parent?
4. In the following scenarios, comment on how **Romans 8:28** might apply.
 - being kidnapped by your own family (**Genesis 37:19-28**)
 - being beaten, imprisoned, and thrown in a cistern for telling the truth (**Jeremiah 37:15,16; 38:6**)
 - enduring chronic illness (**2 Corinthians 12:7**)
 - financial ruin or losing a child (**Job 1:13-18**)

Summarize with **Genesis 50:20**. Will we always see the ultimate "good" in our own trials?

5. Pastor Doug spoke of God's desire to make us more like Christ through suffering. Read **1 Peter 1: 3-7** and **1 Peter 2: 19-21** and discuss God's purposes in suffering.
6. How do the following verses reinforce our hope? **Philippians 1:6**, **2 Corinthians 9:8** (notice the word "all") and **Psalms 119:68**
7. God can refine us like a precious metal through times of struggle. Through the refinement, He works in us to make us "....conformed to the image of his Son..." (**Romans 8:29**). How have you grown and become more refined through walking in a season of trial?
8. Through all things God is calling us to him. His grace is sufficient in all things. Yet there are times when we must seek the Lord when we feel him the least. What are some things that have caused you to seek out his presence? Where did you find it?