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[#2] The Holy Spirit not only gives direction, but also ‘carries us / empowers us’ to the goal!

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bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; [24] 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry."

What does this passage teach about God's love for us?

In what way(s) did the prodigal son suffer loss?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) In response to this parable, what one thing do you most need to remember or do? (How do you need to respond)

- 8) In response to Romans 8:28, is there a situation you need to surrender to God?

- 9) As you look back on the sermon, your notes, and this week's study questions, is there anything else you need to remember or do?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of January 23, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) This week we read how God adopts us into His family. Thinking back to when you were a child, list two good things about your family and one not-so-good thing about your family.

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching in Romans 8:12-30, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we read Romans 8:28 which says that God works all things together for His eternal good. Jot down an example or two of a circumstance (even an *unwanted* circumstance) that God used to bring spiritual, eternal good.

- 4) Sometimes we can mistake Romans 8:28 to mean that God causes everything to happen for a reason (from hitting a red light, to the doctor's diagnosis). But this

verse is actually saying God can use any situation for eternal good. Read the verse below, writing down any highlights or questions you have.

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

What might be the result if we mistakenly believed that verse meant God causes everything to happen for a reason?

How should we, as Christians, respond to difficult situations knowing that God works all things together for eternal good?

5) What do the following passages teach us about God or suffering? (Also note any questions you have)

Romans 8:20-22 NLT - "[20] Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, [21] the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. [22] For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

1 John 1:5 - "This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all."

1 Peter 5:6-10 - "[6] Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, [7] casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. [8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. [10] But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

6) Read below the parable of the prodigal son.

Luke 15:11-32 - "[11] Then He said: 'A certain man had two sons. [12] 'And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. [13] 'And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. [14] 'But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. [15] 'Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] 'And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. [17] 'But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, [19] 'and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.' [20] 'And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. [21] 'And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22] 'But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. [23] 'And