

BETTER FOR IT – PART 1: LESSONS LEARNED SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

When we are in the midst of what's happening now (or even coming out of what's just happened), many of us wish there was something we'd been doing all along to prepare us for what's happening (or what's happened). Every experience is a chance to learn some lessons to make life better and us better at life. Whatever lessons we're learning, now is the time to start putting them into practice.

READ ROMANS 8:28-39

- Where did you feel the most pressure in the past 12 months? Financially? Relationally? Spiritually? Something else?
- Is there anything you should have been doing that would have better prepared you for what happened (or maybe even what's happening)?
- What can you begin doing now that will ensure you are better for it later?
- In addition to what you believe about God being shaped and refined, what other positive outcomes might result from the challenging circumstances you experience (or maybe are experiencing)?
- What are some ways God works good in all things?
- What are ways that God not withholding Jesus demonstrate how he works good in all things?
- If God spared nothing to redeem sin and restore relationship, what confidence can you have that he works good in other areas of life?
- Have you ever felt separated from God's love? If so, what contributed to those feelings? If not, why do you think you stayed connected?
- How convinced are you of God's love in your current circumstances?
- What next step will you take to continually be reminded that God works good in all things?

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