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**THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2:**  
**Things Don't Always Work Out the Way We Want –**  
**Unless...**

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God Takes Whatever Happens and Turns It Around So That If We  
TRUST Him, SEEK to Glorify Him, And WAIT  
Patiently Upon Him, We Get to SEE His Amazing Power

**Paul's Testimony and Life Mission**

*15:14-21*

It Was Paul's Ambition to Give His Life Away for Christ

**Paul's Plans**

*15:22-33*

**Lesson #1**

God's Outcome Seldom Happens My Way

**How Big Is the Difference Between What You  
Want and What God Wants?**

1. Emotionally You Are Going to Be Drained
2. Physically, You Are Going to Be Tired and Wore Out
3. Spiritually You Are Going to Be Empty

**Let's Use Paul as an Example:**

<sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me" Acts 20:22-23

<sup>12</sup> When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> Then Paul answered, “What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” <sup>14</sup> And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, “Let the will of the Lord be done.” **Acts 21:12-14**

## Lesson #2

Notice How My Faith Relationship with God,  
Interacts with the Outcome

### How God Works

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

*Proverbs 16:3, ESV*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

*Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV*

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.” *Psalms 37:5, ESV*

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

*Romans 8:28, NLT*

## Lesson #3

I Can Always Count on God to Act in Ways That Will  
Bring the Most Glory to Him

## Lesson # 4

Things Don't Always Work Out the Way I Want – Unless ...  
What I Want Is What God Wants

“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others... when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.” **2 Corinthians 1:6, NLT**