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Topic: Why All Things Work Together for Good
Scripture text: Romans 8:26-28

1. This teaching that all things working together for good is hard to accept because it includes not just the good times, but the bad times as well. We are supposed to give thanks in all things even during trials and difficulties. It is possible to do so if we have the spiritual perspective. In times of distress, like the coronavirus outbreak now, man realises the temporal nature and frailty of life. Man will think about life and death, and try to prepare for it. The truth is no one is safe from death outside of Christ. Christians also pray more and cherish the church community more in such times.

2. All things work together for good because the Holy Spirit is praying for us according to God's will. Our confidence and trust must be in God. God's Word is our anchor and assurance, not the words of man. We can be comforted that nothing happens to us without God's permission.

3. The "good" is not in terms of material or physical benefits but in terms of eternal and spiritual benefits. When we have the spiritual understanding, we can see God's hand working in our lives. We can experience God's goodness and this experience is priceless. But we must know our calling, that is to know God's purpose for us in our lives. All things work together for good in order that we may fulfill our calling.