

Romans

SERMON SERIES

# Romans



HOW DO WE  
LIVE THEN?

CHAPTERS 4-8

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Preparing for this sermon...

# Groaning

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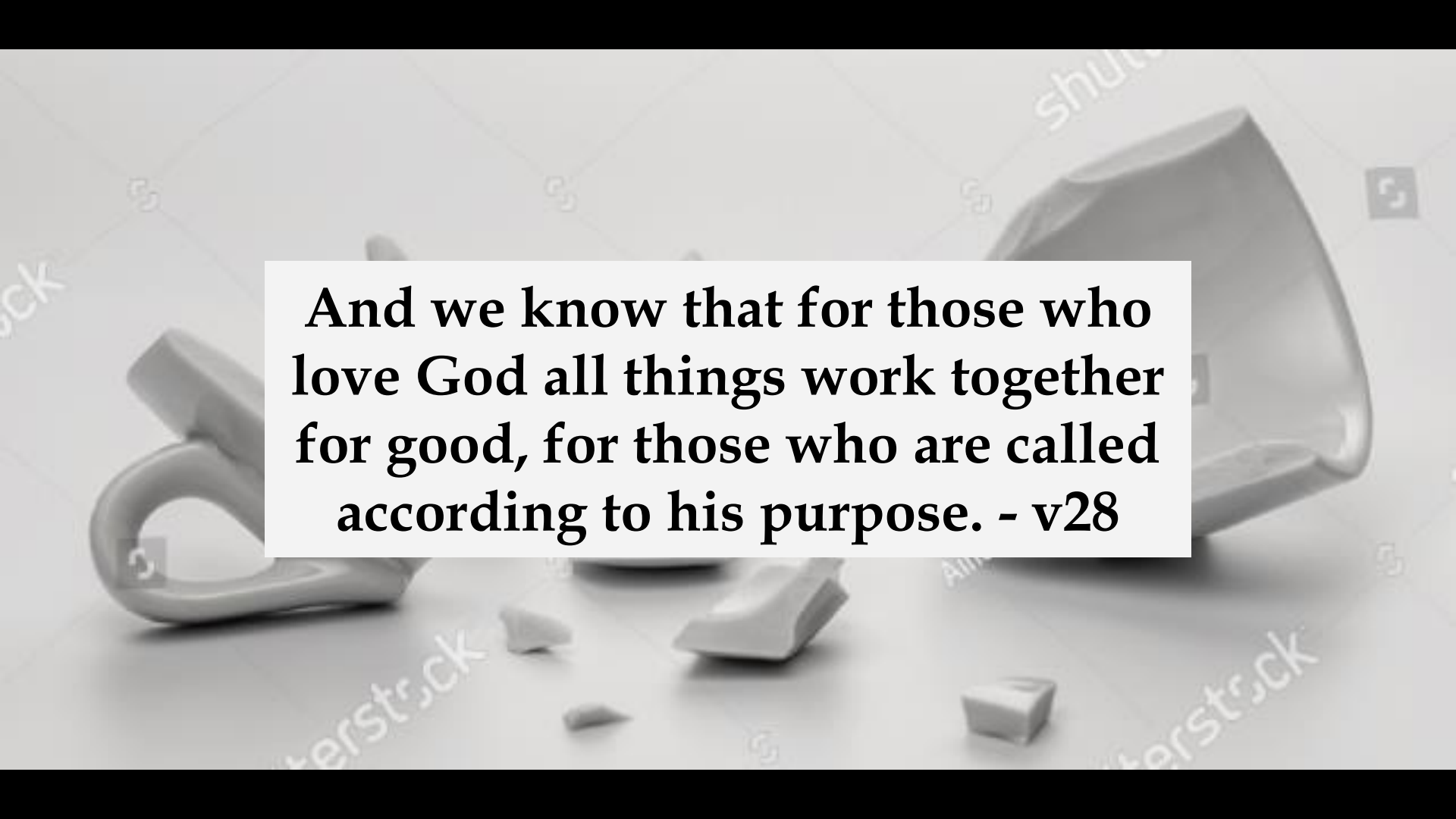
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*Romans 8:28*



**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. - v28**

But wait...

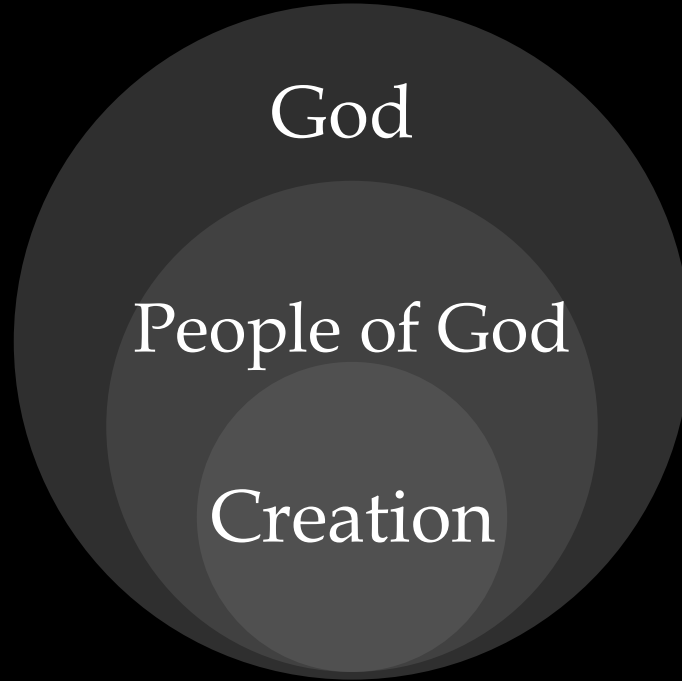
Are you going to explain predestination?



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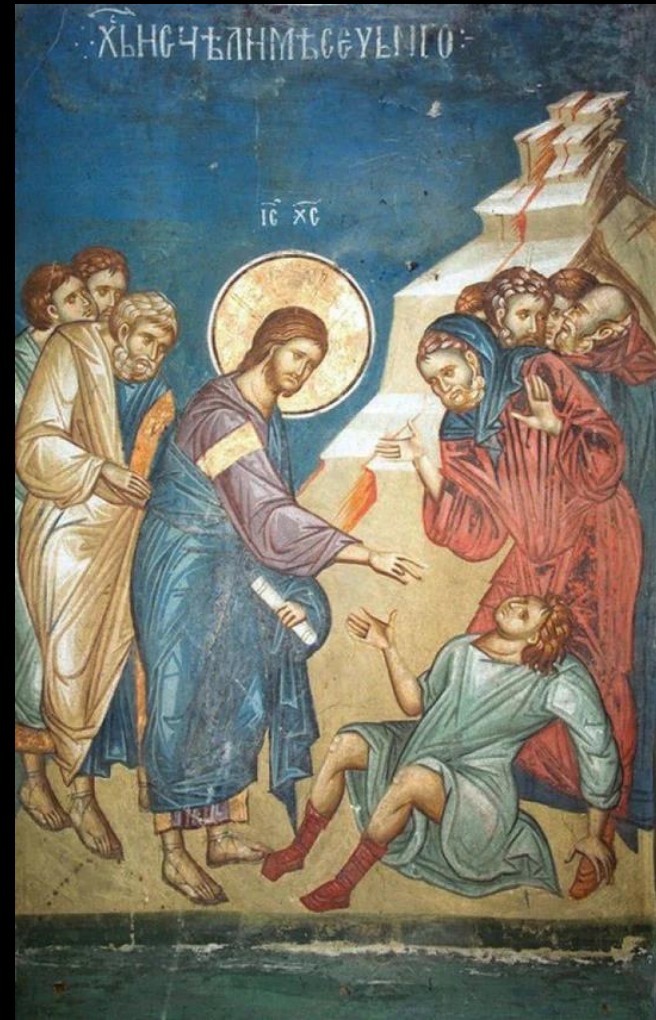
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# Scenes of Groaning



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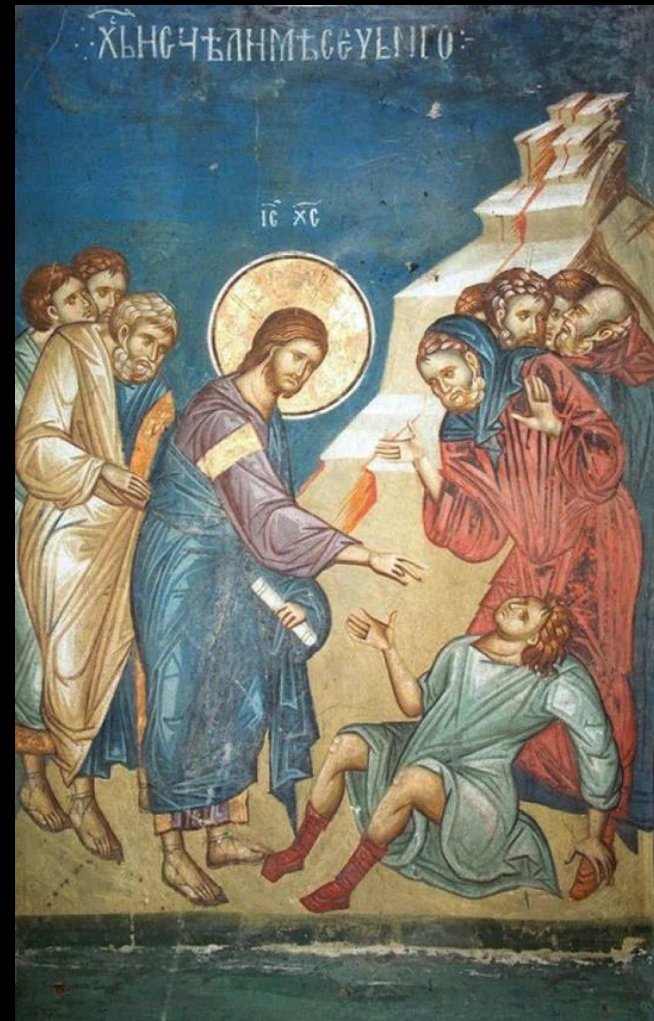
15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him... 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute.



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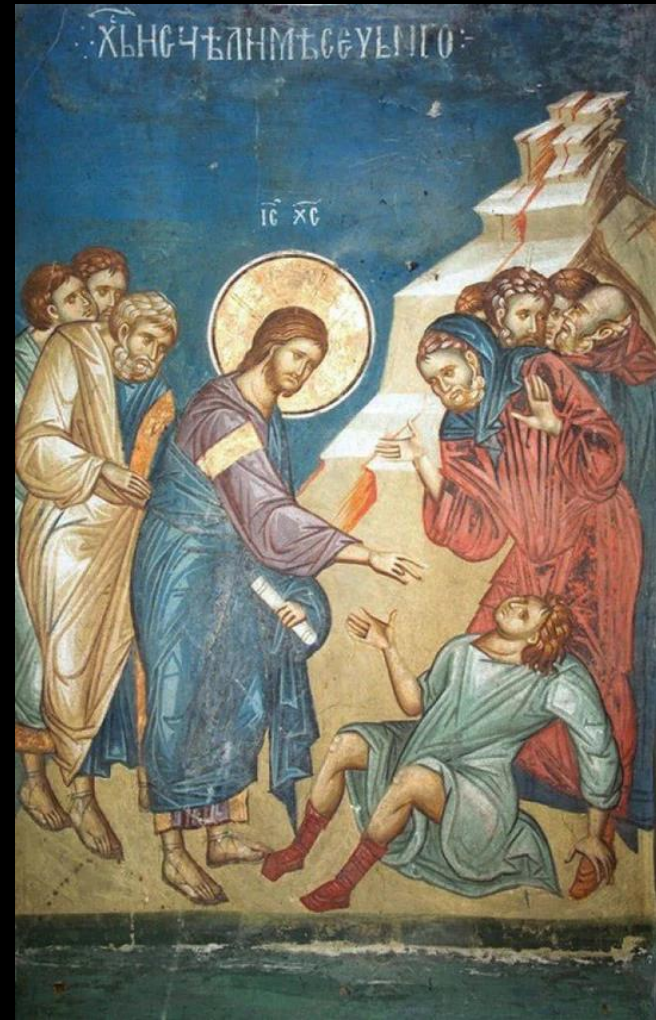
18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”

19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”



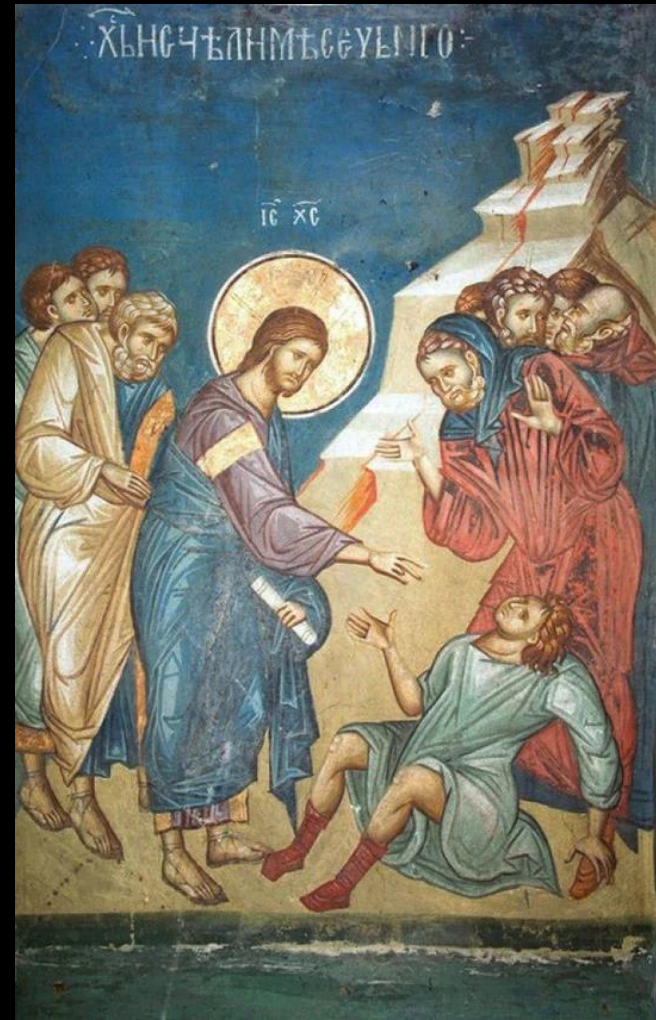
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20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.



Mark 9:15-24 (ESV) - A father

22 “...if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”



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# Come up for air

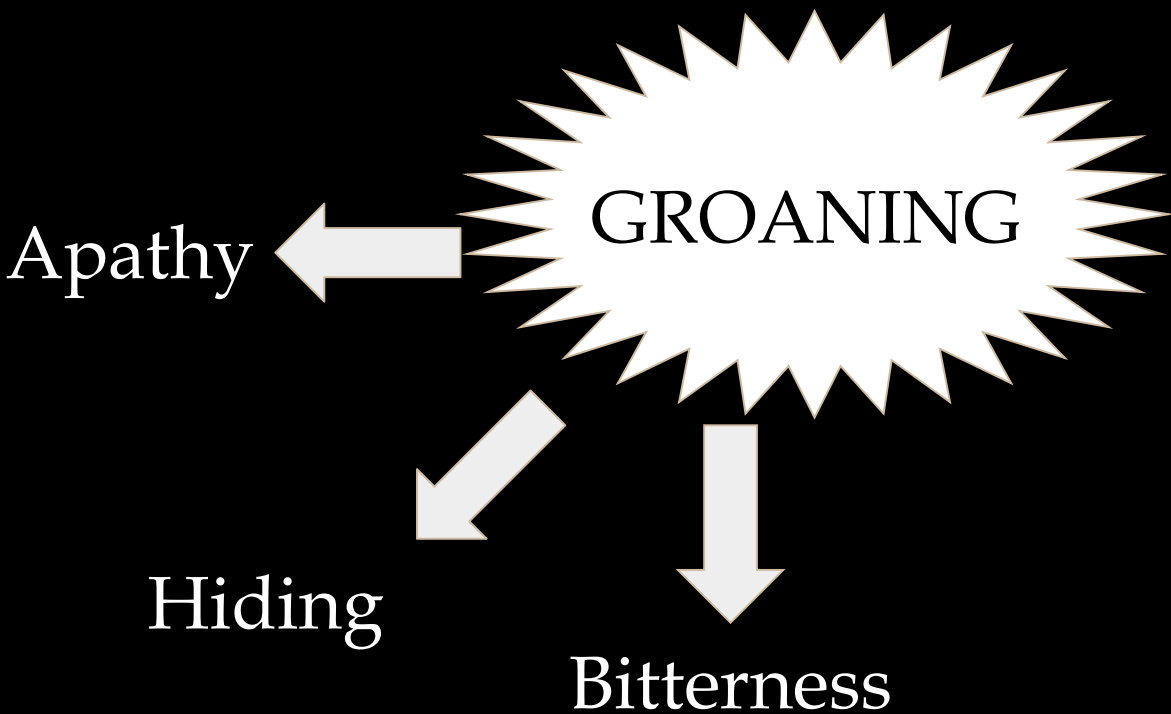
Groaning is shared between the people of God, God Himself, and Creation itself

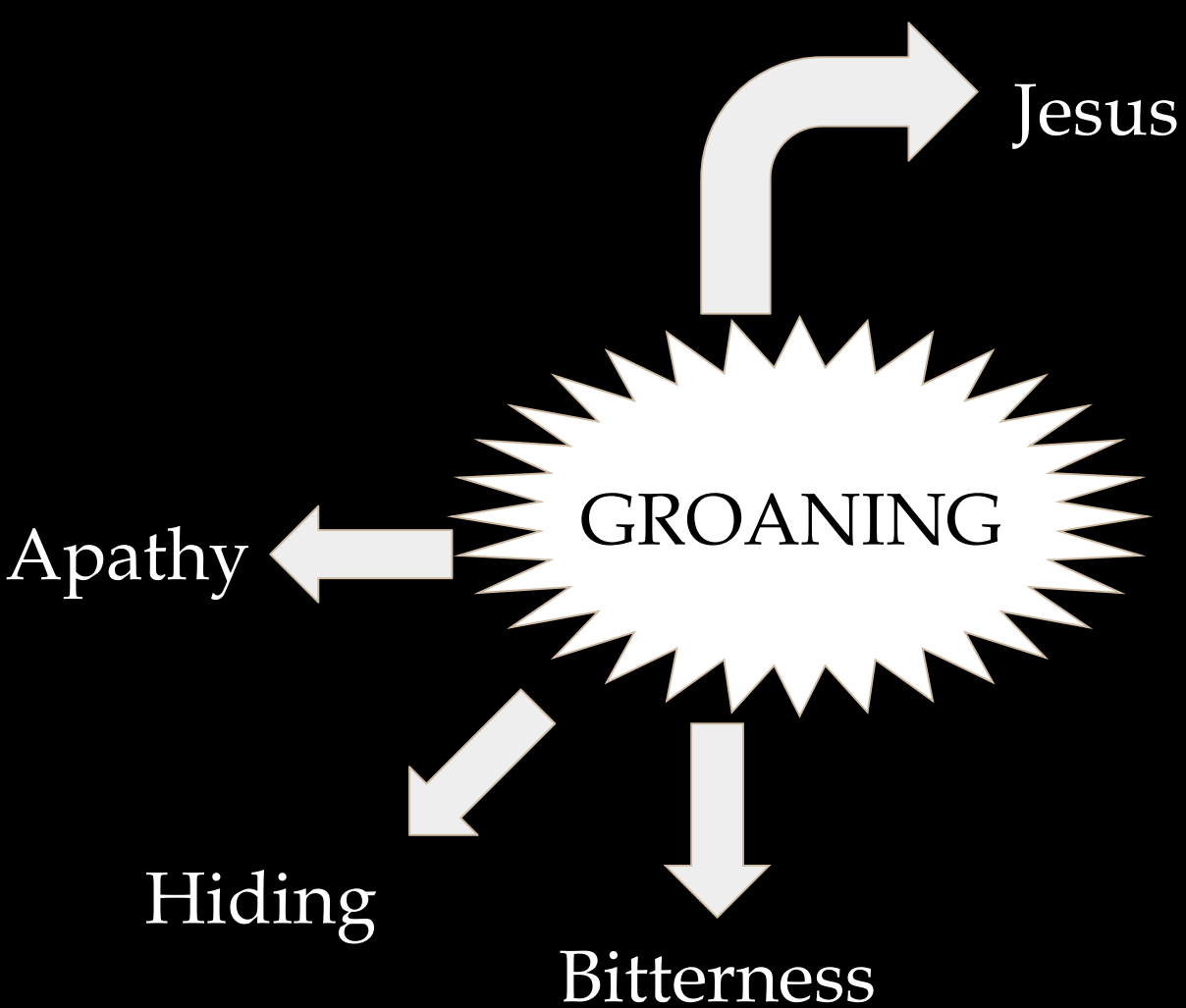


The people of God have a future glory, confirmed by our union with the Spirit now

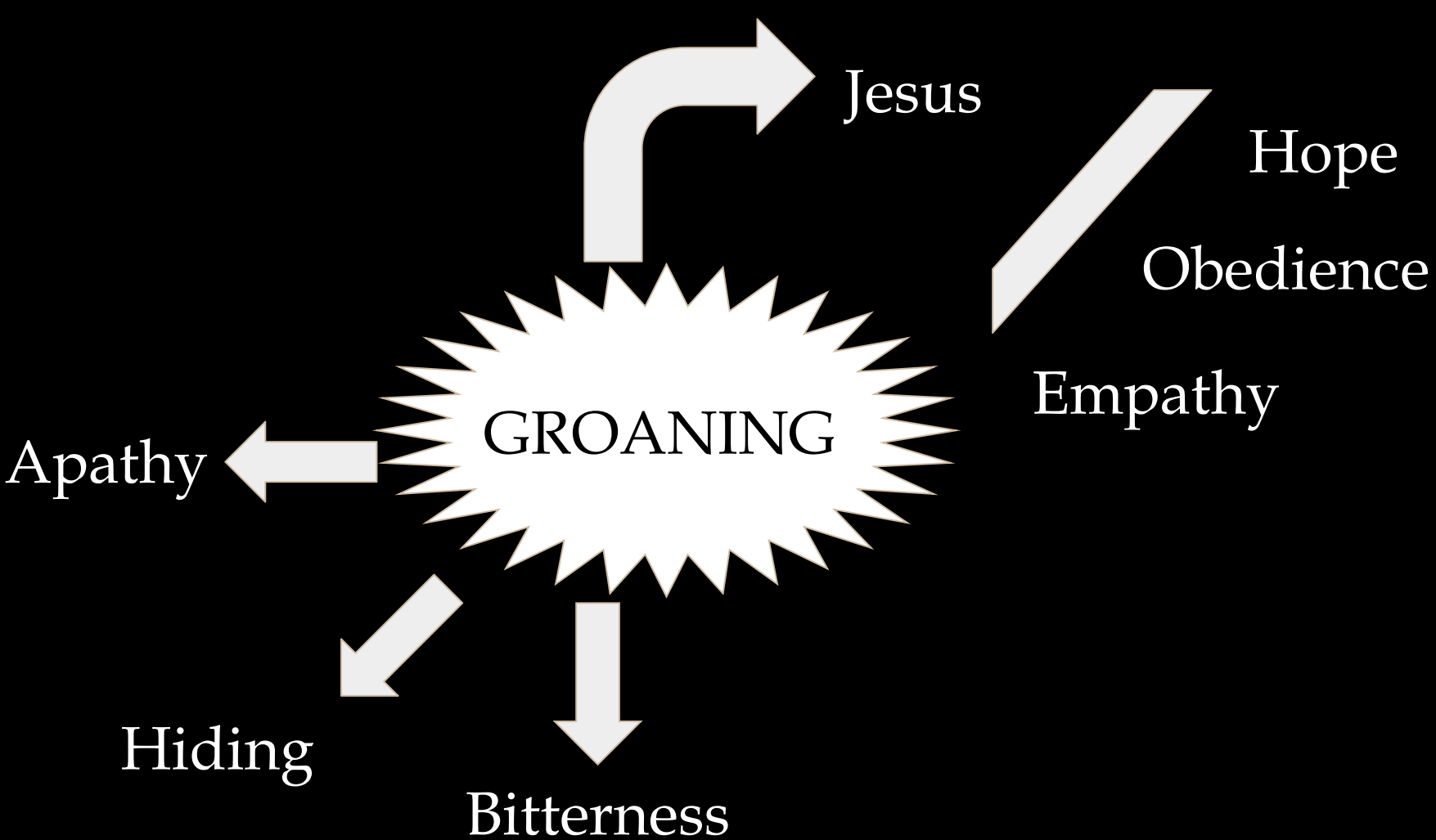


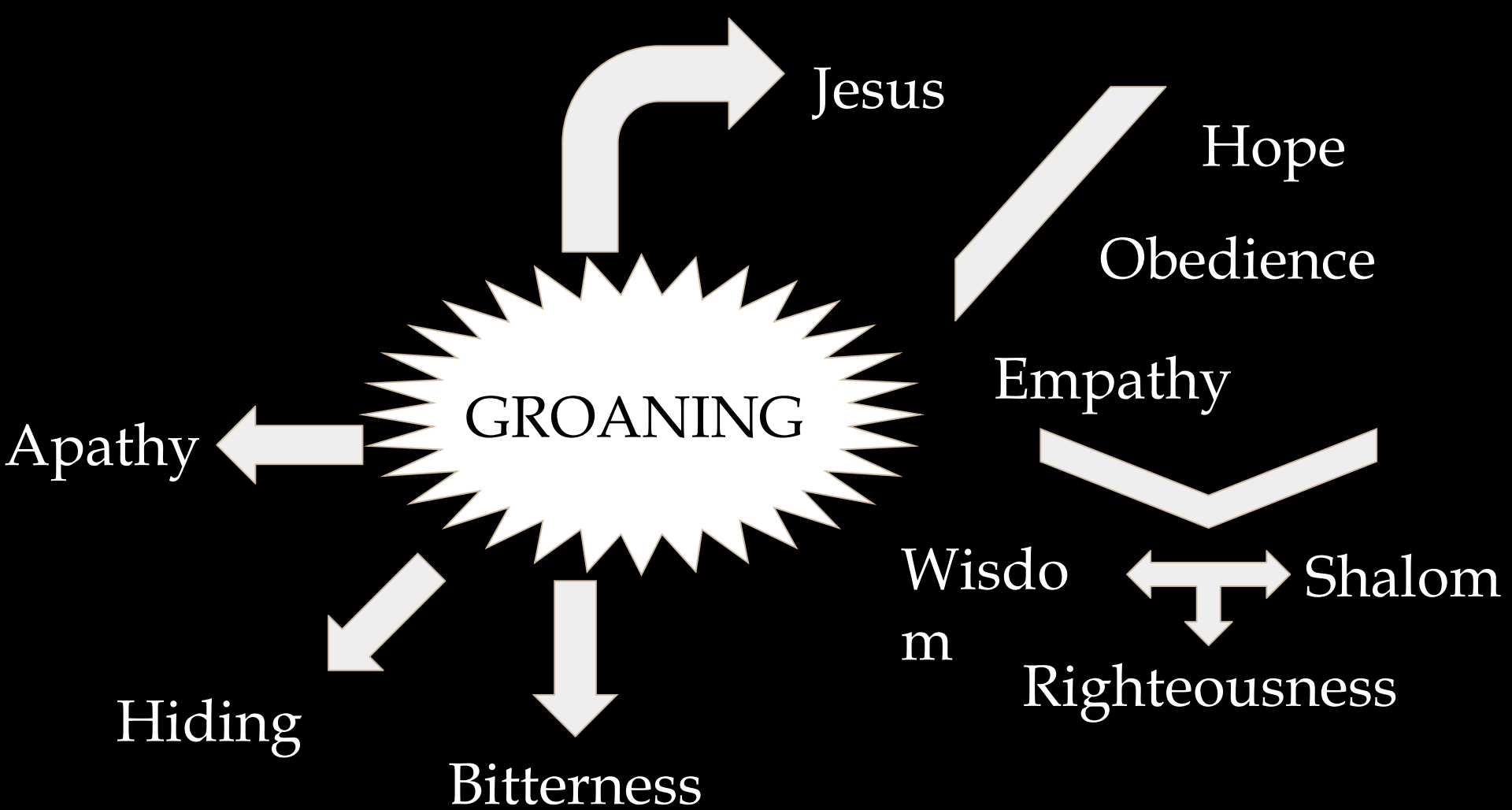
We groan for that future glory to happen now









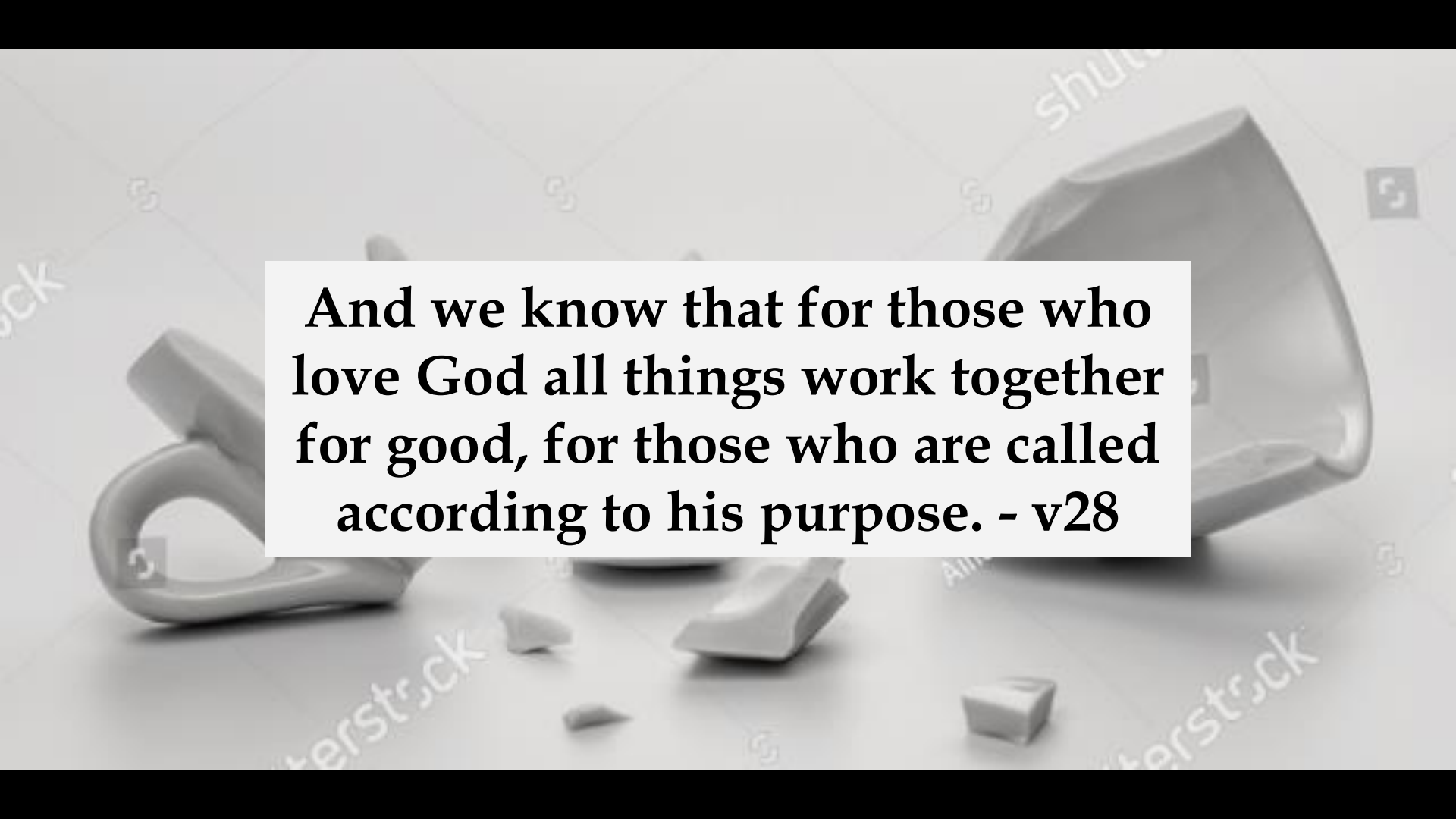




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*Do you avoid groaning?*

*Do you ask for help?*

*Do you offer help?*