

Can I ***REALLY*** Change?
AAARRRGGGHHH!

Romans 8:18-27





“groan”

an expression of hurt,
frustration and longing
for things to be better

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We live in a broken world.

Do you feel the world is broken? *(We do)*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *(We do)*
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? *(We do)*
Do you wish that you could see it all made
new? *(We do)*

Is He Worthy?

Chris Tomlin

Is all creation groaning? *(It is)*

Is a new creation coming? *(It is)*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within
our midst? *(It is)*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
(It is)

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Context: If you don't know how to handle suffering in your life, when it hits (and it will) ... your growth will stop!

Overview: vs. 22 – creation is groaning
vs. 23 – Christians are groaning
vs. 26 – the Holy Spirit is groaning

Practical Outline:

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2 Corinthians 4:17-18

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

What is the perspective that we need to get?

- 1) It is insignificant in respect to intensity
“light troubles” (2 Cor. 4:17).
- 2) It is insignificant in respect to duration
“present sufferings” (Rom. 8:18).

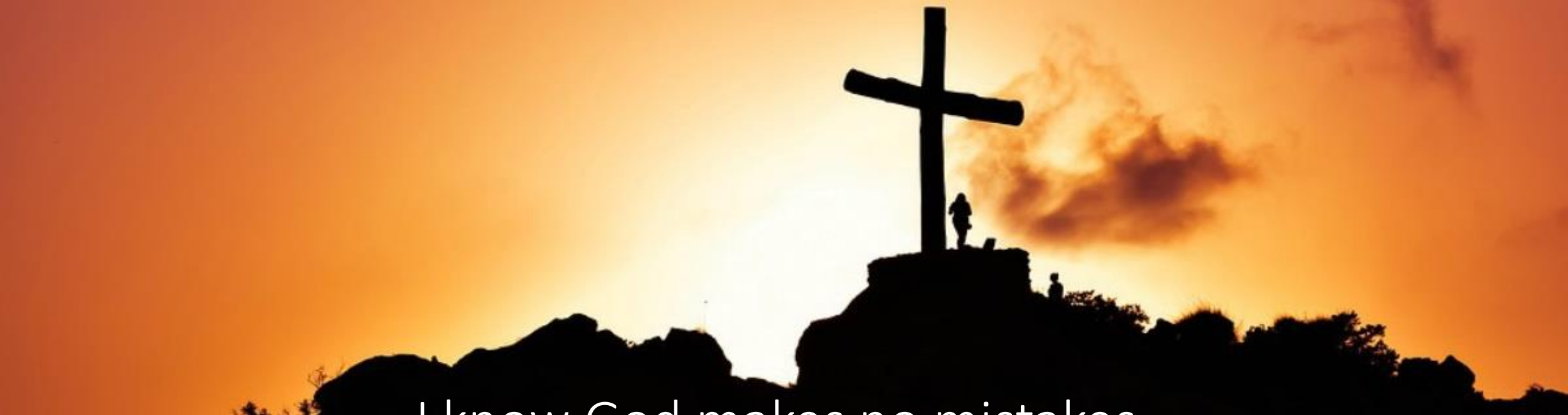
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*In our suffering, God
always has the final say.*



I know God makes no mistakes.
He leads in ev'ry path I take
Along the way that's leading me to home.
Tho' at times my heart would break,
There's a purpose in ev'ry change He makes;
That others would see my life and know
That God makes no mistakes.

Kim Moore

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- 3. We have rely on the help of the Holy Spirit.**



- **The Holy Spirit comes alongside us in our ignorance.**
- **The Holy Spirit pleads our case with God.**
- **The Holy Spirit prays for us in accordance with God's will.**

