



## SCRIPTURE USE

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### WRESTLING WITH CHANGE

#### ROMANS 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purposes.”

What does this verse mean to you?

Notice the only condition God lays out in order for “all things to work for the good.” Have you ever noticed that? Is it true in your life?

What is it in your life that may make this difficult for you to believe? Talk with God about that this week.

## Vision

Change can be hard. I remember when I got out of college just a few years ago. I went from 16 years of organized schedules, knowing where I need to be and when, to complete control over my own schedule. I knew I needed a job so I had to move to St. Petersburg, away from all my closest friends, and start life all over again. It was a scary time, not because I was in any sort of danger, but simply because it was different.

I understand how hard difference can be. Whether it's a new addition to the family, a new home, new friends, or even just a new year, change can be really hard.

***The Bible has a lot to say about meeting people in seasons of change.*** After an entire generation of children had lived FORTY years in a desert under one leader, God let them know that Moses was getting ready to die. They were FINALLY getting ready to move into the promised land of Israel, and not only was the move a big change, but their spiritual father was about to be “passing the torch” to a man named Joshua. These were real people with real fears. They were just like you and I. But do you know what God said to them (and to

Joshua)? He said “Do not be afraid!” He reminded that them HE is in control and He is at work in them still.

This is really easy to read, and really hard to believe in the midst of it. When I was living alone for eleven months, it was a difficult time to believe that God was somehow working behind the scenes, setting up my future and taking care of my present. But looking back on it, God used my time away from everything, as a way to open the doors and bring me here to you guys! Before I left, I knew community was important. Now that I've been without it, I know that community is NECESSARY!

As we grow and learn together, I hope we are able to share with one another the times that are hard. There will be times of change in our lives, but one thing will always stand. **God is constant.** He is good, He loves you, and He will provide for you. The Scriptures say that He knows your every need before you even ask Him, and it is my belief that He has provided you for me, me for you, and that we will grow into the body of Christ together.