6/19/2024 - Father's Day

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to <u>His purpose</u>.

God has His purposes and plans and He calls us to join Him in those.

In the first 3 chapters of Genesis, two of God's purposes, that will never end until the end of this age, are revealed.

1 Gen 1 & 2 - God calls us to join Him in doing family. Gen 1:26 - 28, 2:21 - 25 **God planned the family** and He called, calls us to join Him in it.

- The enemy seeks to destroy family by destroying humans' relationship with God.
- Things were good with Adam & Eve until they chose their way over God's and when that happened everything crumbled. **BUT GOD**, in His mercy, moves to bring healing. There isn't an adult in this room that doesn't have family regrets **BUT GOD** is always offering healing.

2 Gen 3 - God calls to man, even in His rebellion, and reveals His ongoing purpose of reconciling people to Himself.

God is always calling us to Himself both in salvation and service.

John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, <u>let him come to Me</u> and drink.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Matthew 11:28 <u>Come to Me</u>, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Called to join Him in His purposes - Noah, Abram, Moses, Mary the mother Jesus', you

God calls us to join Him in His purpose of calling people to Himself. Matthew 4:19-20 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." [20] They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

Prov 9:1-6, 13 - 16 The Lord is always calling but so is the world and the devil. We must be intentional about listening to the voice of the Lord. Dad's- we have no greater calling than to lead our homes to seek after the ways of the Lord.

<u>God has the ultimate purpose of bringing us to walk by sight, instead of faith, in His presence</u> "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Jn 17:24