

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 purpose."

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Perhaps you have heard of "Murphy's Law". I call it "Man's Law": "If anything CAN go wrong, it WILL go wrong!!" However, God's Law is MUCH better--"All things work together for GOOD for those who love God and who are called according to his purposes!!"

Take your pick! Which "Law" will you choose for YOUR life??? But be careful! This does NOT say that "ALL things work together for EVERYONE!" It only works for those who "LOVE God!" It also says that we have to be "called according to his purpose." In other words, we have to constantly pray and be careful that we are living and acting according to HIS purpose, not our OWN purposes which are often self-centered .

Consider the lives of [Jim Elliot and his friends](#) who took their families on a missionary trip to Ecuador in 1956. Jim and his friends were killed by the very people these men were trying to tell about Jesus Christ, but after this, their families (Elisabeth Elliot and others!) continued to live with, to love and minister to the very ones who killed their husbands/fathers.

Sometimes, our lives may not LOOK like everything is working for "the good." Jim Elliot and his friends gave their lives, but because of their sacrifice and the love of their families, an entire tribe of people came to know Christ and experience his love. They were certainly men who loved God, and they were certainly called according to his purpose!! This was a VERY GOOD outcome!!

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