

Rhythms of Grace

“When Things Go Wrong”

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“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me watch how I do it .Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.” **Matt. 11:28-30 MSG**

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John 15:1-2 NIV

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-Why Do Things Go Wrong? -

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The hard stuff of life seems to come out of nowhere, but it is never unplanned. Unexpected on our part,
but not unplanned on God's part. Nothing catches Him off guard. **Billy Graham**

“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.” **Rom 8:28 NIV**

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“Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” **James 1:2-4 NLT**

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“The enemy butchers with abandonment, our Father slices with precision. The enemy shreds ruthlessly, our Father snips cautiously. The enemy slashes to hurt, our Father prunes to heal. The enemy severs to destroy, our Father cuts to strengthen.” -- Max Lucado

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“...God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.” **Hebrews 12:10b NIV**

“His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. “Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” **2 Peter 1: 3-4 NIV**

-Holiness is what Jesus is-

When things go wrong do not run *away* from God—run *to* God! Trouble can be a gift if you look at it right.

Next Steps: [1] Make a commitment today to attend DL. [2] Sign up for eDiscipleship
[3] Pray about going on a Missions Trip.

Resources: **Stronger in The Broken Places** by Max Lucado –
www.maxlucado.com/articles/topical/strongerinthebrokenplaces

Translations Used: **MSG**=The Message Paraphrase, **NIV**=New International Version, **NLT**=New Living Translation,