



SERMON NOTES

Limitless

The Price of Progress is Pain

Pastor Carl Toti - October 14-15, 2017

Romans 8:18-26 (NLT) *Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. 19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. 22 For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. 24 We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. 25 But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.) 26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.*

THREE GROANS

Creation groans (19-22) as a spectator for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Church groans (23-25). We groan for our adoption to become complete as our bodies transform into their glorified state.

The Holy Spirit groans (26-27). There are times when we cannot pray as we should and the Spirit helps us in a heavenly language.

If we are not groaning we are not growing! Groaning faith is a growing faith.

Proverbs 24:10 (NKJV) If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

--C.S. Lewis.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

1. Remember the _____ Contradiction

Psalm 34:19 (KJV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

2. _____ without Ceasing

James 5:13 (KJV) Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

3. _____ More

Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV) A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

4. Never _____ Alone

Galatians 6:2 (GW) Help carry each other's burdens. In this way you will follow Christ's teachings.

Answers:

1. Affliction 2. Pray 3. Laugh 4. Struggle