

**Romans 8:18-25 (HCSB)**

**18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. **19** For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. **20** For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope **21** that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. **22** For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. **23** And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. **24** Now in this hope we were saved, yet hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? **25** But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience.