"That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long... So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever!" – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

**Key Idea:** Even though God may not God can always it.

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." - Philippians 1:6

> \*Join us next week as we continue our teaching series Don't Believe It!: Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide.

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO
Memorize Romans 8:28.
I am ready to be a follower of Jesus.
Pray and trust God to use every situation in my life for his purpose.
Participate in Vacation Bible School and help reach our community for Christ. Contact church office to find out how.

Be sure and invite a friend, family member or co-worker to join you next week at First Christian Church Orangefield!

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## DON'T BELIEVE IT. DUMB THINGS THAT

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**DON'T Believe It:** Everything happens for a

## The Dangers of Thinking **Everything Happens For A Reason**

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## **Memory Verse:**

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." - Romans 8:28

<b>DO Believe It:</b> God can use everything for	

## GOD USES THE GOOD AND BAD OF LIFE TO...

1. DRAW ME \_\_\_\_\_\_.

	"Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me." – Psalm 23:4
2.	DEVELOP MY

3. GROW MY

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you."

— 1 Peter 5:7

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us—they help us learn to endure. And endurance develops strength of character in us, and character strengthens our confident expectation of salvation." —Romans 5:3-4

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going."

— 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

"Each time he said, 'My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness.' So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me." – 2 Corinthians 12:9