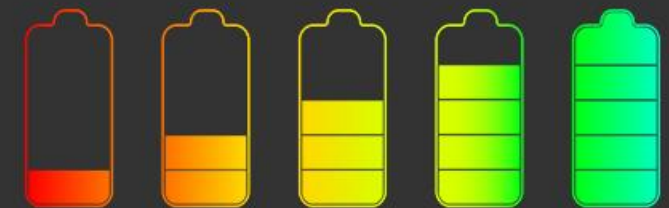


Romans 8:28

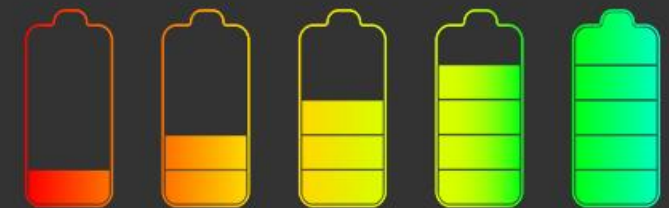
*And we know that in all things
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Proverbs 21:9

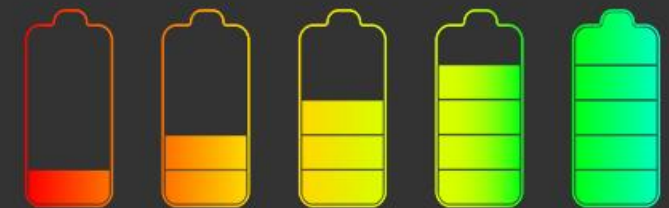
*Better to live on a corner of
the roof than share a house
with a quarrelsome wife.*



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Proverbs 26:11

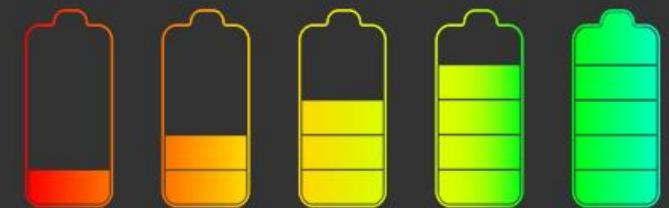
*As a dog returns to its vomit,
so fools repeat their folly.*



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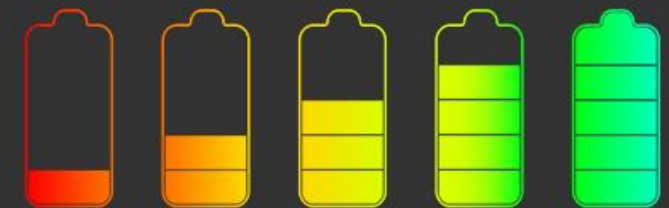
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Myth #1

If I live right, I can
avoid suffering.



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Romans 8:18

Our present suffering...

Romans 8:23

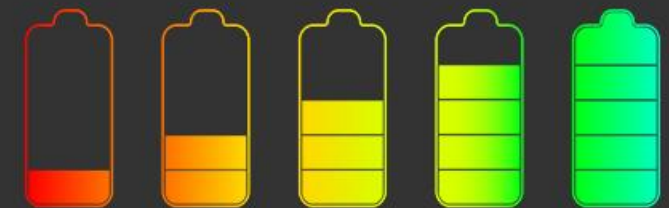
We groan with all creation...



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Myth #2

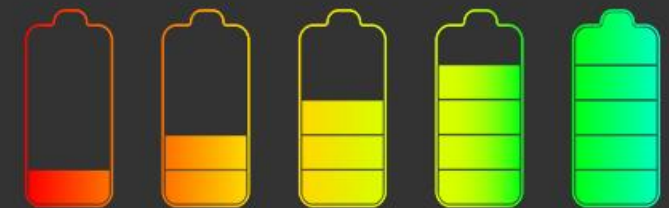
I am suffering because
God is punishing me.



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“God put Jonah in the belly of a whale to get his attention. Sometimes God puts us flat on our back so we’ll finally be looking in the right direction.”

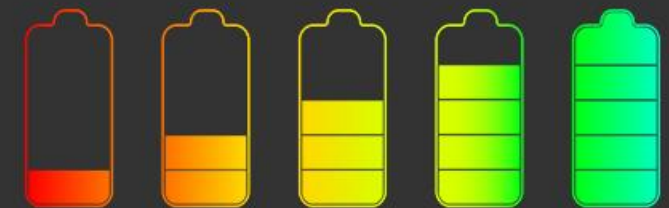
-J.D. Greear



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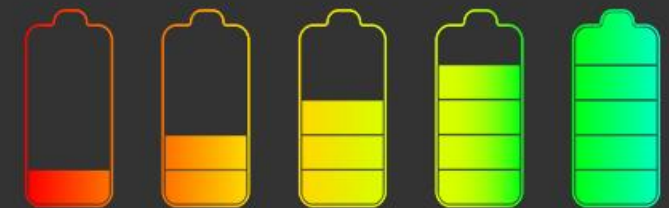
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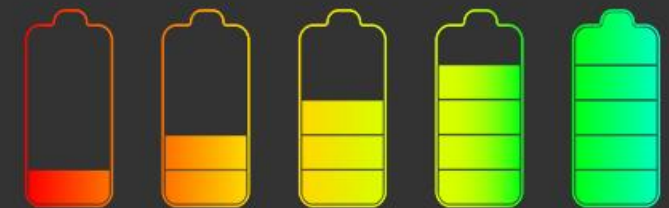
I will always be able to find the silver lining.



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Truth #1

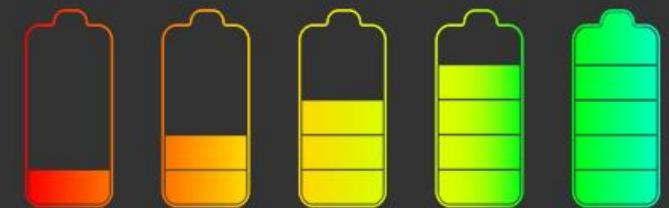
The Source of our
Greatest Hurt
is the Fall.



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Romans 8:18,20

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it...



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Romans 8:22-23

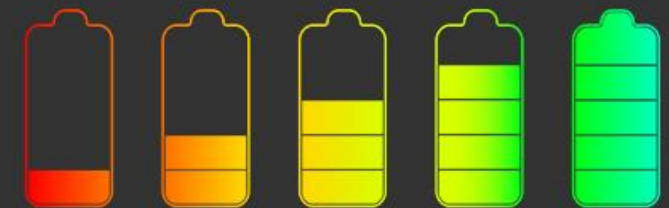
*22 We know that the whole creation has been **groaning** as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.*
*23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan** inwardly...*



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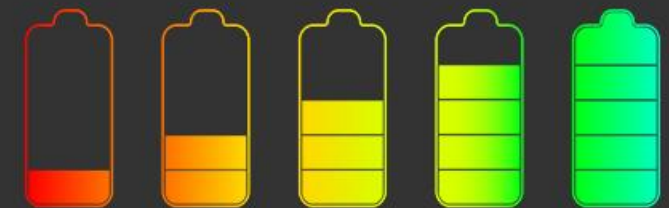
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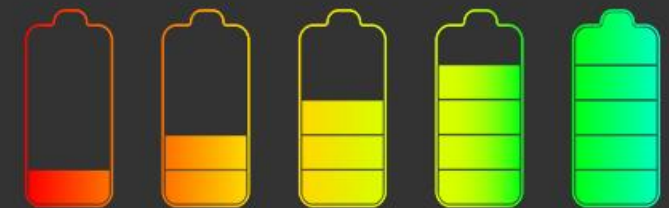
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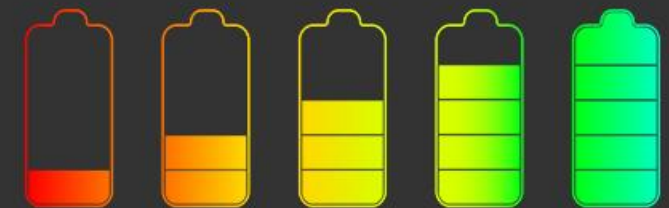
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Truth #2

The Source of our
Greatest Help
is the Spirit.



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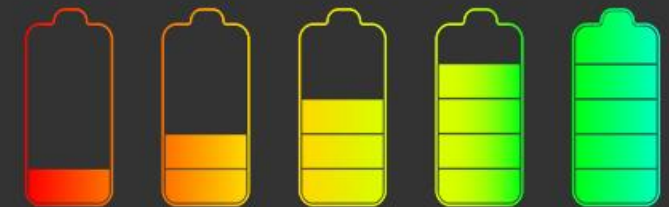
Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.



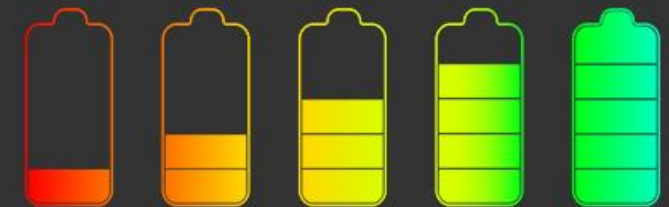
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The Spirit **Groans**
with us in our
pain.



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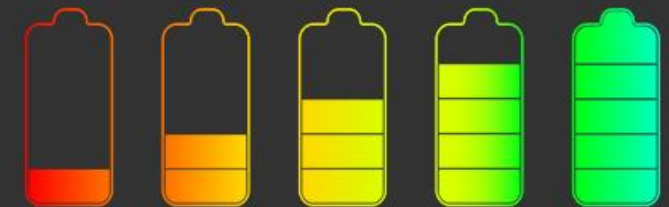
The Spirit
Prays Perfectly
when we can't.



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Truth #3

God's
Greatest Good
is our Christ-Likeness.



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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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Romans 8:29

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.



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Truth #3

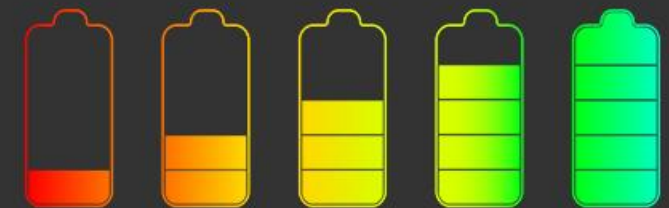
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Romans 8:30

And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.



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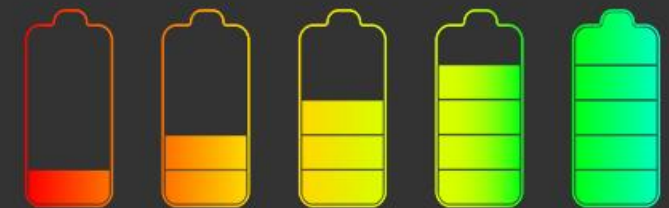
Instead of only asking God to
get you out of the
trouble, also ask Him
what you should get out of
the trouble.



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Truth #4

The Source of our
Greatest Hope
is the Gospel.



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Romans 8:20-21

*²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, **IN HOPE** ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the **freedom and glory** of the children of God.*



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Romans 8:23-24

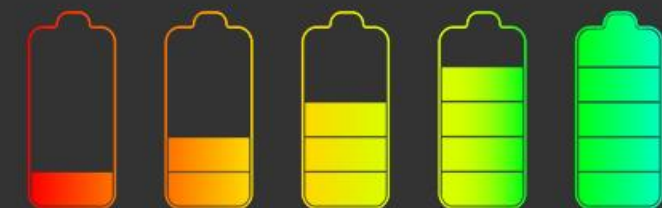
*²³[We] groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the **redemption** of our bodies. ²⁴For in **THIS HOPE** we were saved.*



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“God will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling radiant immortal creature pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (of course on a smaller scale) his own boundless power and light and goodness. That is what we are in for. Nothing less. He meant what he said.”

-C.S. Lewis



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In our suffering, God is offering
us “strength for today and bright
hope for tomorrow” only in a
relationship with Jesus.



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