

# YESTERDAY, TODAY, & FOREVER.

## Part 2: *Yesterday, Today, & Forever* - “Goodness”

What you think about something impacts how you relate to it. What you think about someone impacts how you relate to them.

### Discussion Questions

1. Oxymorons are those somewhat fun and strange sayings where two things that are opposite come together, like “jumbo shrimp,” “accurate estimate,” or a “love/hate relationship.” What’s a familiar oxymoron you’ve heard people or businesses use?
2. In this week’s study, we’ll be talking about two things that seem to be complete opposites- “life is hard” and “God is good.” In your opinion, can these two opposites coexist in our spiritual lives? How so?
3. Read Romans 8:28. This verse does not tell us that all things in life are good, which we know from our own experiences. What do you think it means for God to work for the good of those who love him in the midst of trials, heartbreaks, setbacks, and challenging situations?
4. How can using the belief that “God is good” impact the way we live our lives and respond when life is hard or bad things happen?
5. Which truths can you hold onto about God’s goodness in this season of your life?
  - It isn’t proven in the absence of pain, but in his ability to bring purpose out of our pain.
  - It is proven in the pain.
  - It is proven in His promise that pain is not permanent and it will not have the final say in our stories.
  - God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.