



# UNSHAKEABLE

Romans 8

# AN ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

*How Present Suffering Assures Us of Future Glory*



Based on Romans 8:18-23 & 2 Corinthians 4:7-18



# Mysterious Deliveries Arrive Unannounced

A continuous, anonymous delivery over years. Different weights, shapes, and sizes. They always arrive following a time of trial, sorrow, or pain—and the deeper the pain, the larger the stone.

The only instruction included:

**“Don’t throw out the rocks I am sending you. Hold on to them. Trust me on this.”**

# The Accumulation of Pain Becomes a Burden

Phase 1: The Shoebox



Phase 2: The Wooden Crate



Phase 3: The Rusted Freezer



What begins as a mysterious collection transforms into an ever-present, growing reminder of difficult times. It becomes a source of embarrassment and discouragement when visitors ask about it.

# The Spiritual Crisis of Ongoing Pain



## Deliverance from Sin

We know we are delivered from the condemnation of sin. We have the Spirit. We are heirs of God. (Romans 8:1-17)



## The Experience of Suffering

But when suffering comes and God is silent, we wonder if we have been separated from His love. (Romans 8:18-30)

Prolonged suffering shakes our confidence in our standing with God.

# A Perspective That Orients Everything

“For I **CONSIDER** that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.”

— Romans 8:18

# Logizomai: The Divine Calculation

**Term: Logizomai  
(Reckon / Consider)**

**Definition:** A mathematical or accounting term describing the process of calculating something exactly.

**Step 1:**

**Evaluate the Accounts.**

Carefully calculate the implications of a present reality against a future promise.

**Step 2:**

**Draw a Conclusion.**

Arrive at an estimate of true value.

**Step 3:**

**Take Firm Action.**

Base your life decisions entirely on this calculated estimate, deeply convinced of its accuracy.

# An Evaluation That Changes Everything



**Present Affliction**  
Light & Momentary

**Future Glory**  
Eternal Weight of Glory

**Not Worth Comparing.**

What the earthly eye sees as crushing weight, the divine calculation reveals as a light momentary affliction preparing an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison. (2 Cor 4:17)

# The Heavy Reality of Present Suffering

## Prolonged & Fiery

Sustained exhaustion, danger, and beatings (as Paul experienced).

## The Outer Man Wasting Away

Physically beaten down, used up, and weakened for the sake of the gospel.

## Social Toll & Shame

The visible, embarrassing disfigurement and stigma of worldly defeat.

## Deep Inward Groaning

The heavy toll on the soul (Romans 8:23) as we wonder why God has not yet intervened.



# The Assured Promise of Future Glory

A central image of a brown, cracked clay jar, resembling a resurrection stone, is shown with a brilliant, golden light radiating from its center. The light creates a starburst effect, with rays extending outwards. The jar is set against a dark, textured background that looks like a cave or tomb entrance.

## Visible Perfection

The brightness of God's perfections manifesting as a blazing light (exceeding the sun at full strength).

## An Unstoppable Process

The Greek grammar indicates a process that has already started and cannot be halted until completion.

## Revealed IN Us

Not just an external environment, but a permanent, resurrected bodily reality.

# The Geologist Opens the Freezer



Years pass. A new neighbor, a professional geologist, comes for dinner. You show him the embarrassing, heavy box of rocks you've accumulated through years of painful trials.

He examines them. His face goes white. He asks, speechless:

“Where did you get these?”

# Trillions in the Garage

The geologist reveals the truth. These are not rocks.  
They are raw, uncut, priceless gems.



## Diamonds

8 uncut stones twice the size of the Cullinan Diamond (Crown Jewels).

## Rubies

15 stones doubling the Maharlika Star Ruby (\$11M each).

## Emeralds

50 stones larger than the Duke of Devonshire (\$400M each).

The freezer holds unimaginable wealth. The world has never seen treasure like this.

# The Divine Exchange

The  
Earthly Eye



Trial



Pain



Burden

The Eye  
of Faith



Trial



Grace



Priceless Gem

Every time you add suffering to one side of the scale of your life,  
God adds a massive treasure to the other side.

What the physical eye sees as a box of useless rocks piling up, the eye of faith—anchored  
in the promises of God—sees as an accumulation of unimaginable wealth.

# The Trillionaires of Faith

The world looks to billionaires, but those who suffer well in Christ hold an eternal wealth that makes the richest men look like paupers.



Don't just hold onto your box of rocks.

1. Cherish it.

2. Hope in it.

3. Count on it.

4. Live redemptively  
in light of it.



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