The Renewing Gospel Romans 8:18-25

- I. The Context of Sufferings (18)
 - A. Paul declares that "the sufferings of this present time" are insignificant compared to the glory to be revealed
 - B. What suffering is he referring to?
 - C. In the immediate context, Paul is using the word suffering to reference back to the "putting to death the deeds of the flesh."
 - D. The constant, incessant struggle within ourselves is one of the greatest sources of despair and disheartening for the believer
- II. Hope Is Found In The Current Evidence and Future Hope of Renewal (19-25)
 - A. Creation itself groans and aches for the renewal
 - B. The created order's renewal is tied in with the renewal of the children of God
 - C. The same groaning of creation exists in us as well
 - D. Our salvation is based on hope