Main Idea: This week we concluded our series called “Dysfunction” by hearing from Brain Welch and his daughter Jennea about their story. During their interview they shared how Brian’s struggles caused dysfunction in their relationship. This dysfunction occurred prior to him finding Christ, as well as after making Christ Lord of his life. We also saw how God was able to use Brian’s life, even the bad things, to help him and Jennea make a difference in helping others today. This week we learn how God can work good in all things when we repent and follow Him.

Opening discussion Question:

This weekend we learned that parents aren’t perfect. How have you seen God use children to help teach their parents?

Read Romans 8:28

1. Brian and Jennea shared how rough their lives were before Christ. However, God has been able to use those past experiences to help others today. What does it mean when Paul says that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”?

Read John 16:10-12 and 2 Timothy 3:10-12

2. Pastor J shared that following Jesus can be difficult at times. He said, “Closing the door to our old life and opening the door to our new life in Him is what a changed life is all about.” However, he noted, moving from one door to the next can be very difficult. Why is following Christ so difficult at times?

Read Romans 7:14-24 and 5:1-5

3. We must never underestimate the power of sin. How can we not grow weary following Christ?

Read Colossians 1:27 and Romans 8:14-16

4. What does it mean when the Bible says that Christ in us is the hope of glory?
Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Mark 8:34

5. What does it mean to surrender to God?

Next Steps: In spite of the inevitable struggles we face we are not alone. Jesus does not abandon us to our struggles either. If we remember that the ultimate victory has already been won, we can claim the peace of Christ in the most troublesome times.

1. What past experiences in your life can you use to help others who are struggling?
2. Are you depending on your own strength in difficult situations or are you relying on the power of the Holy Spirit?
3. Have you completely surrendered your life to Christ or are you still holding on to things that have caused you to struggle?

Take some time this week to pray on the above and identify changes that need to be made.

Reading Plan

Sunday – Romans 8:24-28
Monday – Colossians 1:24-29
Tuesday – Romans 8:13-17
Wednesday – John 16:10-17
Thursday – 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Friday – Romans 7:14-25 and 5:1-9
Saturday – Galatians 2:17-21