

SAMPLE VERBATIM – MTC20

J: What scripture has God placed on your heart this week?

X: *When I was in church last week, I heard a reading from Paul's letter to the Romans which said that "All things work together for good to those who love God, and are called according to his purposes."*

J: As you have reflected on this scripture this week what has God put on your heart?

X: *(Anxiously) I know I love God, but I have a hard time thinking that having a baby now is good. I just feel so angry that I have messed up my life so bad. I don't know where the anger is coming from, but it's sure there, and it scares me.*

J: Scares you?

X: *Yeah...(sigh) I don't know how something that is supposed to be good can feel so bad. (He puts his hand on his head.)*

I always open in prayer, which we did in this session. I felt that a good place to start this week would be to talk about scripture since this person reported going to church for the first time alone himself this week.

This is one of my favorite passages as well. I have thought of this passage as well many times when facing difficulty. I want to test out X's discernment of hearing God through scripture. He seems a bit anxious.

Do we follow the anger strand? How can God "mess things up?" He's never impressed me as an angry person.

Let's focus on the idea of being scared. Sometimes this can cause us to feel separated from God.

Let's get back to the scripture...He heard that all things are supposed to work together for Good!