

“to bring to an end”, “to complete”, “to fulfill”. God’s power is fulfilled and completed in our weakness.

It is no wonder that Paul rushes to rejoice in that place of rest when he celebrates God’s provision saying: “I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me” (2 Cor 12:9). Paul was secure in the strong tower of his soul in God’s rest.

#3 – EVERYTHING LEADS YOU TO GOD’S GOODNESS (Romans 8:28)

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- Romans 8:28

As has often been pointed out, this verse does not say “all things are good.” Paul is saying instead that “God is working for the good in all things” and he is doing this for those who love him and are in line with his plans and purposes. To benefit from God’s working for good in all things we must love God and be able to process things according to his purpose. We are going to have to remain in the place of faith rest while trusting God’s promise that he is good and will work out all things for good. “All things” would include even things that we consider to be bad or we know to be evil. In all things God is working for the good of those who love him.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

-Romans 8:37

This promise is one of the foundation stones of the fortress of your faith rest tower. Independent of whether things are good or bad -

and independent of whether or not you have perfect understanding of a situation - you can know for certain that God is currently active to use this very moment in your life for your good. This fact needs to be solidly established in your soul before the storm of life hits. Then, when the various storms of life do strike, you will be able to stay in God’s rest while looking out the window of your strong fortress at the winds and the waves - all the while knowing that even in the midst of this turmoil the Lord is working for your good as his plans and purposes move closer and closer to completion.

There is, though, a clear condition in this verse. A person is disqualified from the benefits of God’s good work in all things if that person does not love God, or if that person’s will is not in line with God’s calling and purpose.

#4 – RESCUED FROM EVERY EVIL ATTACK (2 Timothy 4:17-18)

*The Lord stood at my side and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all
the Gentiles might hear it.*

And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth.

*The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me
safely to his heavenly kingdom.*

To him be glory for ever and ever.

- 2 Timothy 4:17-18

Paul wrote this verse in 67 AD when he was an old man and a prisoner of the Roman Empire, being held in the Mamertine Prison in the city of Rome. The Mamertine Prison was originally dug as a cistern around 625 BC to access a spring of water. By Paul’s time it had been converted into a dungeon where prisoners were held or detained until their court case was finalized.

Toni and I started Generation Word Bible Teaching Ministry in our living room 20 years ago tonight. Since then there have been well over 3,000 people attend our local Bible classes, 100,000's of people have listened/watched/read around the world. We have reached into 80% of the countries of the world through our websites and by shipping 1,000's of cassette tapes (the early years), 40,000 CDs, 25,000 copies of the nine books I wrote. There are over 2,000 different class videos online and over 2,000 hour long audio classes available online and as downloads. I have taught verse by verse through 52 of the 66 books of the Bible and chronologically through the Bible 5 times. I have taught 3 classes a week on average (sometimes having 5 classes a week) resulting in about 3,250 Bible classes taught between 2002-2022. But, the kindest thing God has done for me in 20 years is never once was one of the 3,000+ Bible classes not attended. There have been people attend every Bible study scheduled. Twenty years of people being in attendance at every one of my 3,250 Bible classes is a gift from God. That does not happen by itself, and it certainly wasn't because of brilliant marketing or an aggressively planned outreach program. It was the goodness of God showing grace to me by allowing me to teach his written Word and bringing people to hear. Thank you all for attending 20 years of Bible class!

Here is a general history of GENERATION WORD:

- 1998 – Incorporated
- 2002 – first GenWord Bible Study
- 2003 – www.generationword.com goes online
- 2004 – last cassette tape; begin digital
- 2005 – CD orders from 5 continents
- 2005 – first audio messages online
- 2006 – first website visit from Israel
- 2007 – “Hope for America’s Last Generation”
- 2008 – “Framework for Christian Faith”
- 2009 – class video online
- 2010 – “Jerusalem” book
- 2011 – “The Word” book
- 2012 – Bible study class to Israel
- 2013 – 62,937 annual website visits
- 2014 – “Reps and Sets” online Devotions
- 2015 – “Titanic Faith” book
- 2016 – 1,500 videos online
- 2020 – First Livestream class

Here are the memories recorded after that first Bible study on Monday night April 1, 2002:

"Attendance was 18. People started arriving at 7:20.
Class started about 7:55. Everyone was talking and having fun until then.
Randomly set up chairs.
Made a tape. Used the white board.
Handed out notes and a flyer.
Toni had snacks. Everyone stayed atleast 30 minutes after class.
Some stayed longer. Seven people stayed until 12:30.
A lot of excitement.
Should have more next week."
The following week there were 36 people at the Bible study.
We have met 205 of the last 208 Monday nights for Bible study.

Events in the first 84 months (7 years) of Generation Word (April 1, 2002 - April 6, 2009):

April 1, 2002 - Galyn and Toni start a Monday night Bible study in their home. 18 people come and the message is recorded on tape.
April 8, 2002 - The second Bible study meets with 36 people. The second message is recorded of the five tape set "Generations With a Purpose."
May 2002 - A Generation Word band starts to practice
July 2002 - Generation Word's first news letter
August 4, 2002 - Generation Word Church meets for first time
September 8, 2002 - Generation Word begins one year Bible school on Sunday nights
October 9, 2002 - Galyn Wiemers is a guest on KWKY radio

April 2003 - The booklet "The Fourth Generation" is printed
June 2003 - Generation Word goes on line with www.generationword.com
July 2003 - Generation Word receives their first online request for tapes from India
September 7, 2003 - Bible School begins second year
September 2003 - Generation Word Church stops meeting
November 2003 - Galyn Wiemers speaks at Faith Evangelical Free Church in Audubon, Iowa for first time

January 2004 - Galyn Wiemers begins to speak each Sunday at Faith Evangelical Free Church
March 7, 2004 - Generation Word begins a Sunday evening radio program on KWKY in Des Moines
April 2004 - Generation Word stops recording on cassette tape and begins recording on CD

May 5, 2004 - Generation Word Bible School begins to meet in Audubon. All messages are recorded on CD to make part one and two of the "Bible School" CD set

September 7, 2004 - Generation Word Bible School begins to meet at Wellspring Christian Resources in Urbandale.

September 9, 2004 - Generation Word Bible School begins to meet at Cup-a Joe Coffee Haus in Indianola.

January 2005 - Generation Word begins a daily radio broadcast in Chattanooga, Tenn.

April 2005 - Generation Word has received orders from five continents (10 overseas orders)

April 2005 - Generation Word is three years old and is sending out about 300 messages a week.

June 2005 - Generation Word has distributed 12,000 messages on CD/tape over the last 12 months

June 2005 - Generation Word has a monthly budget of \$3,800 for CDs, tapes, radio, printing, postage, web page

December 2005 - Online audio messages were put on the generationword.com web site

December 2005 - Generation Word mailed out 750 requests in the year 2005 to eighteen countries on six continents

January 2006 - Generation Word received 120 requests in the month of January

February 2006 - Generation Word receives orders from The Gambia and Tanzania. This makes a total of 20 countries that have requested GenWord messages.

February 25, 2006 - Generation Word web page receives its first hit from Israel.

March 2006 - In the first four years of ministry Galyn Wiemers has preached over 700 messages and Generation Word has distributed 31,000 CDs or tapes.

April 3, 2006 - Generation Word will begin their 5th year of Bible teaching ministry. (Over 400 different people have visited the Monday night Bible study.)

November-December Galyn writes Hope for America's Last Generation

June-July 2007 - Galyn and Toni spend three weeks in Israel

August 2007 - Generation Word releases the book Hope for America's Last Generation

October 2007 - Galyn is a guest on Steve Deace's afternoon drivetime talk show on WHO Des Moines 1040 AM. Over 350 books are requested from listeners.

June-August 2008 - Galyn writes Framework for Christian Faith

August-Novemeber 2008 - Galyn, Tim Vaniman, Clint Hansen and Jennifer Ruisch edit and work on images and setting the book Framework for Christian Faith

December 2008 - Framework for Christian Faith is at the printers

January 8, 2009 - Framework for Christian Faith is delivered

January 9, 2009 - The first copies of Framework for Christian Faith are put in bookstores in Urbandale, Iowa and sent around the United States in the mail

February 2, 2009 - Galyn begins teaching on Monday nights at Connxtions Bookstore

February 16, 2009 - Galyn begins the 50 week Generation Word Bible School at Connxtions

April 6, 2009 - Generation Word will celebrate 7 complete years of ministry and begin its 8th year