

**WARUMI 8:26-39**

"Wengi wametumia vs 28-30 kuidhinisha nafasi ya kitheolojia kuelezea uchaguzi wa Mungu usio na masharti, kwa kuamini Mungu amewachagua baadhi na sio wengine kwa ajili ya wokovu. Hata hivyo, hii ni kutoelewa maneno ya Paulo katika mazingira yao. Neno "foreknew" linamaanisha hamu ya Mungu na uamuzi wa kuingia katika uhusiano na sisi hata wakati tulikuwa bado wenye dhambi (Rum 5: 8) na msisitizo wa neno "predestined" ni juu ya lengo ambalo kila mwamini anaitwa; Mungu anatumia katika uhusiano ili tuweze kufanana (au kuundwa pamoja) katika sura ya Mwana wa Mungu (mstari wa 29, 2 Wakorintho 3:18).

*Tafsiri ya mstari wa 28 ni ngumu na yenye mjadala sana. Tafsiri kuu mbili zimekuwa: (1) "Na tunajua kwamba Mungu husababisha vitu vyote kufanya kazi pamoja kwa wema kwa wale wanaompenda Mungu, kwa wale walioitwa kulingana na kusudi lake" (NASB; tazama NLT; NCV; ISV; GNB); (2) "Tunajua kwamba vitu vyote hufanya kazi pamoja kwa wema kwa wale wanaompenda Mungu, ambao huitwa kulingana na kusudi lake" (NRSV, tazama NIV; NKJV; HCSB). Chaguo 1 inalenga juu ya hatua ya Mungu ya uhuru, ambayo inapendekezwa kwa wale wanaompenda Mungu (au wale ambao Mungu amechagua, tazama mstari wa 33). Chaguo 2 ni zaidi na huonekana kama kusisitiza mtazamo wa wale ambao wameingia katika uhusiano wa karibu na Mungu huyu; Wanafanya uchaguzi wa kuona mazingira yao ya nje kupitia lens ya Ufalme. Vivyo hivyo, maneno "wale wanaompenda Mungu" yanamaanisha chaguo la ufahamu juu ya sehemu ya mfuasi kuwa katika uhusiano huo" (Fringer, 2017).*

**Wiki Ijaye:** Spika maalum kutoka kwa "Gideoni"

**ROMANS 8:26-39**

*"Many have used vs 28-30 to endorse a theological position stressing God's unconditional election, believing God has arbitrarily chosen some and not others for salvation. However, this is to misunderstand Paul's words in their context. The word "foreknew" represents God's desire and determination to enter into relationship with us even while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8) and the emphasis of the word "predestined" is upon the goal to which every believer is called; God invites us into relationship so we might be conformed (or formed together) into the image of God's Son (v. 29; 2 Cor 3:18).*

*The translation of verse 28 is both difficult and highly debated. The two main translations being: (1) "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (NASB; cf. NLT; NCV; ISV; GNB); (2) "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (NRSV; cf. NIV; NKJV; HCSB). Option 1 focuses on God's sovereign action, which is biased toward those who love God (or those God has chosen; cf. v. 33). Option 2 is more nuanced and can be seen as emphasizing the perspective of those who have entered into intimate relationship with this God; they make a choice to see their external circumstances through a Kingdom lens. Likewise, the phrase "those who love God" denotes a conscious choice on the part of the follower to be in such a relationship" (Fringer, 2017).*

**Next week:** Special Speaker from "The Gideons"

**Agosti 6, 2017**

Upendo usio kawaida

Kwa kuwa Mungu atashinda na kukabiliana na changamoto zote (Warumi 3: 1-8), hivyo wote watakao upande wake. Mungu alimpa Mwanawe kutuokoa, kabla tujui kufahamu zawadi ya ajabu ya neema.

Je, hamu yako kwa Mungu inategemea tu juu ya kile anachokufanyia?

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Kwa kuitikia upendo wa Mungu, unampenda na kumwabudu?

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Kwa sababu ya upendo wako kwa Mungu, unampenda Bibi-arusi Wake, Kanisa? Je, unashiriki kikamilifu katika Mwili huu?

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Kwa nuru ya upendo wa Mungu, je! Moyo wako huvunja kwa wale ambao bado hawajui upendo Wake, msamaha na wokovu?

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Nani Bwana anayekuomba uipendane naye wiki hii?

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**August 6, 2017**

Uncommon Love

Since God will triumph over and prevail against all challenges (Romans 3:1-8), so will all those on His side. God gave His Son to save us, before we knew to appreciate this extraordinary gift of grace.

Is your desire for God based only on what He does for you?

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In response to God's love, do you love and worship Him?

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Because of your love for God, do you love His Bride, the Church? Are you actively participating in this Body?

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In light of God's love, does your heart break for those who don't yet know His love, forgiveness and salvation?

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Who is the Lord asking you to love with Him this week?

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