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# Our Bodies In Spiritual Transformation V

## *Romans 8:28-39*

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*Purpose:* to encourage our brothers and sisters that God is pulling for us in the process of spiritual transformation particularly in the area of transforming our bodies to be our servants and not our masters.

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### **God Believes in You**

*May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness, and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.*

Rob Bell, NOOMA Dust, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005), p.23.

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1. Read Romans 8:26-30; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Galatians 4:12-20. What is God's goal for our lives here and now?

Do you believe that you can become like Jesus in character and conduct? Do you really believe that you can become good and kind and loving and wise like Jesus, not just in spurts and sputters, but as the consistent character of your life?

What, if anything, holds you back from pursuing this goal wholeheartedly?

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2. Read Romans 8:31-39. What question does the Apostle Paul ask?

In the context of Romans 8, what are "these things"?

How does Paul answer his own question?

In the context of Romans 7-8, in what sense is God "for us"?

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**3.** Read Romans 8:35-37. In what ways would tribulations, distress, persecution, famine etc. test whether our bodies or our spirits were in control of our lives?

Does this give us a better understanding of what Paul means when he says that "...in all these things we are more than conquerors..."?

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**4.** Discuss the DVD "Dust" by Rob Bell. What was the main point of his message?