

Romans



What can you endure if you
know something great is
coming in the future?

Parents who work two jobs
to get kids through school



They've thought it
through and come to a
reasoned conclusion:
it's worth it



Soldiers fighting for
a greater purpose



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Saving up for
“that meal”!



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The ancients were
no different



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Romans 8:18-22

The Whole Creation Groans

Romans 6:
Should we sin so
grace may abound?



No!
You died
to sin!
(Rom. 6)



If so, why do I
struggle so much?
(Rom. 7)



So what actually
solves it?
(Rom. 8)



And it's bigger
than just you!
(Rom. 8:18-22)



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Λογίζομαι Present
(*logizomai*) tense

Paul's ongoing,
reasoned
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Λογίζομαι:
I've thought it
through... made
the calculations...



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Now

Inauguration
of glory



Consummation

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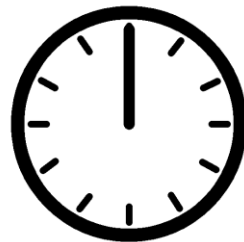
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Rom. 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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εἰ γὰρ κατὰ σάρκα ζῆτε, μέλλετε ἀποθνήσκειν· εἰ δὲ πνεύματι τὰς πράξεις τοῦ σώματος θανατοῦτε, ζήσεσθε.



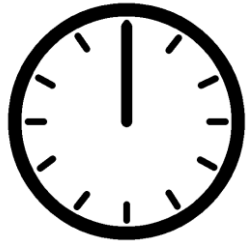
“Present tense
indicative”

Look at
the tension

μέλλετε
(*mellete*) “at a future point”



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You are on the very
verge of....

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The glory is not merely something we will observe from the outside. It will be revealed in us and through us as the means of its disclosure to creation.

-N.T. Wright



The coming glory
will transform us
and the whole
created order
through us!



STOICISM

The great Stoic discipline: the deliberate, rational weighing of present experience against a larger frame of reference. Don't be mastered by what you cannot control. Calculate rightly and arrive at calm acceptance.

Seneca





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Vexcel Imaging, US, Inc.

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(*apokaradokia*)

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What is creation
craning its head so
eagerly to see?



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(*apo+kara+dokia*)

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Eccl. 1:2

Vanity of vanities, says
the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is
vanity.

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Ματαιότης ματαιότητων,
εἶπεν ὁ Ἐκκλησιαστής,
ματαιότης ματαιότητων,
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God's solution to sin
is bigger than just you!
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Sin is being undone
on a cosmic level!
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We and earth
suffer together!



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Points for
Home

“For I consider
that...”
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You are allowed
to do the math!





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“pains of childbirth...”
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Think of the world in labor!





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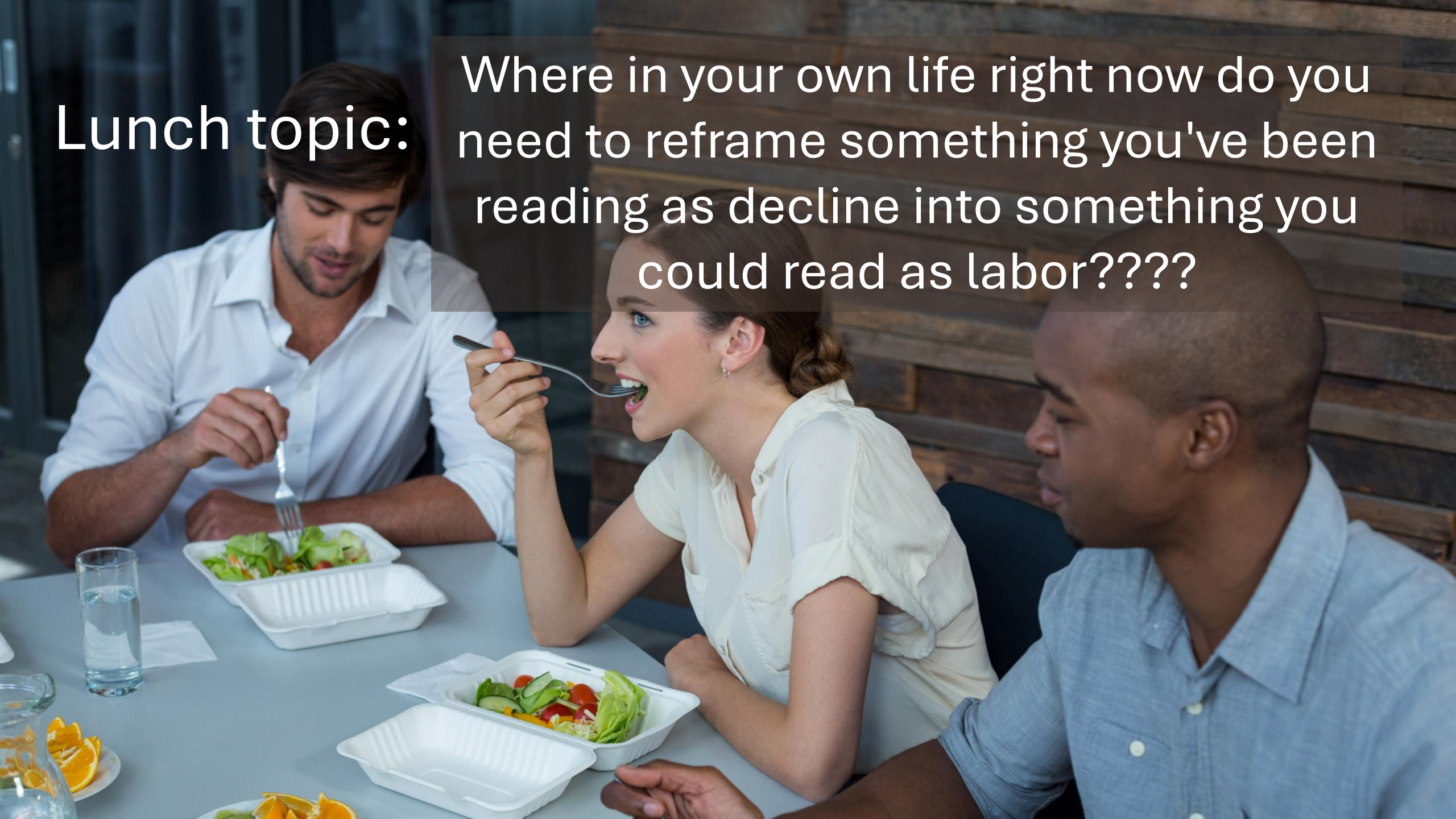
“creation itself
will be set free ”
(Rom. 8:21)

Redemption is bigger
than you thought!



Lunch topic:

Where in your own life right now do you need to reframe something you've been reading as decline into something you could read as labor????



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