

# **Romans 8:28**

**We know that in everything God works for good with those who love, who are called according to his purpose.**

**not competing, but working  
together for God's purpose**



**Consider the birds in the previous slide:**

- All work together to stay in formation.**
- They maintain safe distances from each other. There are no collisions.**
- There is no competition to fly faster or higher.**
- They take turns leading, to find a better roost than any individual could find.**

**Before going to Africa, Albert Schweitzer wrote these words to us as Christians, and I think they are especially appropriate during this epidemic:**

Albert Schweitzer:

He comes to us as one unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside, he came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same words, "Follow thou me!", and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

*The Quest of the Historical Jesus*, p 403

**Like the birds, we can work together for God's purposes. Maybe we can't fly in formation, but we can:**

- Read these words together, to count our blessings.**
- Sing this hymn together in praise to God.**

**Even though we are far apart!**

**Blest be the tie that binds**

**Our hearts in Christian love.**

**The fellowship of kindred minds**

**Is like to that above.**