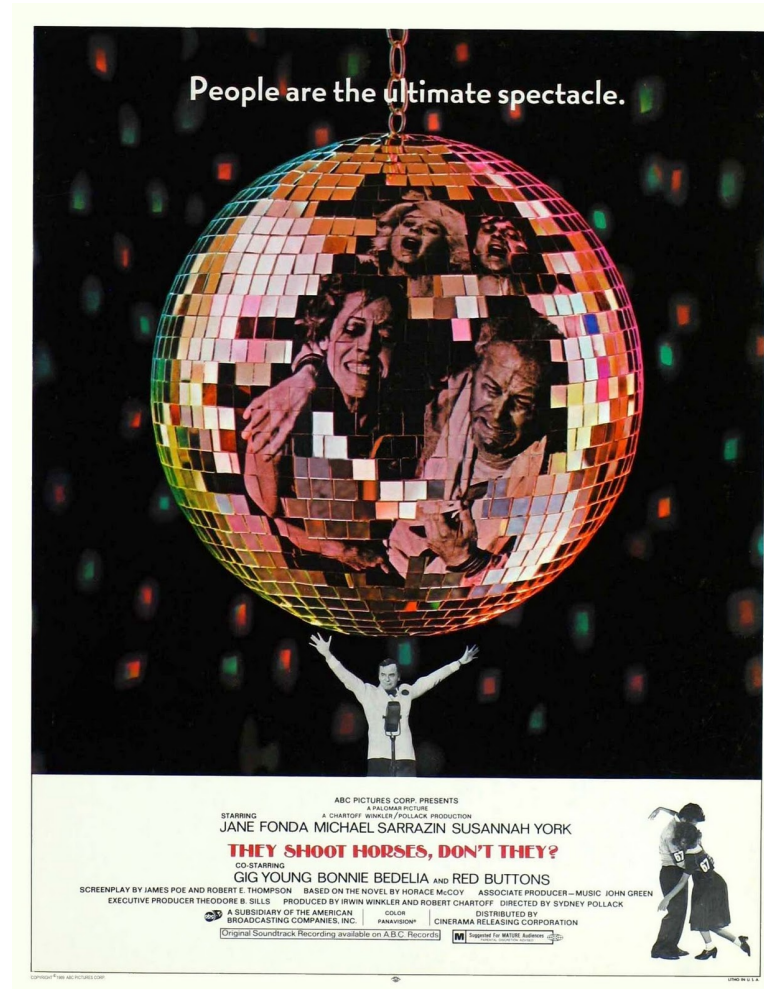


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R o m a n s



1. Suffering is inevitable and should not be a surprise to us

**Rom. 8:18 I consider that our
present sufferings are not worth
comparing with the glory that will
be revealed in us.**

Phil. 1:20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

2. Our suffering weighs less than our future hope

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2 Cor. 4:17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

The Weight of Glory

**1 Cor. 8:3 "The man who loves God
is known by God."**

**Matt 7:23 "I never knew you. Away
from me..."**

3. Our future hope fuels patience and passion now

Rom. 8:19-27 The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

**Prov. 13:12 "Hope deferred makes
the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled
is a tree of life."**

1. Creation

2. Us

3. The Holy Spirit

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**"We groan inwardly as we wait
eagerly"**

**Groan...longing
Wait...patience
Eagerly...passion**

4. Our Confidence is in God

Rom. 8:28-30 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

**Nothing will touch our lives that is
not under the control and direction
of our Abba.**