Message Discussion

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This Changes Everything // One Step Changes Everything Part 2
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Scripture: Colossians 1:9–14, Colossians 2:6–7

Welcome & Connection

What is a next step that you know or sense that God is calling into in this season?

Questions

1. Read Colossians 1:9–14 and 2:6–7. Paul prays that believers would be "strengthened with all power" so they can have endurance and patience. How is that different from the way we often think about experiencing God's power? What does this teach us about what God wants to produce in us?

2. Endurance is the ability to stand and remain steadfast when life is difficult. Where are you most tempted right now to pursue comfort, escape, or an easier path? How might your pursuit of comfort actually be keeping you from experiencing greater faith and joy?

3. Sometimes our prayer is simply, "God, get me out of this." What would change if we also prayed, "God, give me the power to stand faithfully in this"? Is there a difficult circumstance in your life where you need God's strength to endure rather than simply asking Him to remove it?

4. Patience is often revealed in how we respond to difficult people. Dari's story showed the power of God to forgive someone who had deeply hurt him. Is there a past hurt, rejection, or relationship that still affects how you respond to people today? What might God want to heal in you so that your past doesn't continue to shape your present?

5. Where do you most need God's power right now—to endure a difficult circumstance, be patient with a difficult person, or forgive someone who has hurt you? What is one specific action you can take this week to cooperate with what God wants to do in you? Take time as a group to pray for God's power to help each person take that step.