

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The Apostle Paul in many ways modeled what it looks like to live the authentic Christian life. He operated with power beyond mere human effort. When Paul prayed, God moved. But why? What was different about Paul? Keenly aware of his shortcomings, he tapped into the secret sauce of the faith - agreement with the Truth of God. He operated in tremendous power simply because he got on God's page. And that is the point of Prayer. Through submission to God's Truth in prayer, we unlock the supernatural ability to live life with God's power, peace, and perspective.

THE POINT OF PRAYER IS TO PRODUCE PEACE OF GOD.

God has promised to bring about good. When we doubt His good plan, we become anxious (Greek Word - Merimna - fracturing a person's being into parts.) We forget everything He allows in our life is meant to produce in us the faith that only He can give. He is asking us to look above our understanding.

I Peter 5:10 - And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

When we surrender to God, He will defeat the lies within our souls. His truth rises above what makes sense, and brings about newness of life. There is a better way if we simply choose agreement with God's Truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Does your prayer life always demand an answer from God? Why do you think that is?
- 2. How have you seen yourself torn apart through anxiety?
- 3. How is suffering a necessary doorway to the power of God?
- **4.** What would it look like for you to pray in a way that seeks agreement with God's Truth? What could that produce in your life?