

When God Does Not Seem To Answer

Week of 14th of May 2023



Leader: Opening prayer

References

Read 2 Corinthians 12: 7b - 10

- What were the “revelations” of which Paul spoke? 2 Corinthians 12: 1 -6
- What do you think was Paul’s “thorn in the flesh?”
- Paul prayed 3 times to have it removed, but God did not seem to answer.
- PAUSE to think about any “weakness” (physical, emotional, spiritual) YOU may have asked God to remove from yourself, or when you asked on behalf of others. Has God always answered your prayers?
- In the same passage, Paul goes on to say “I will boast all the more of my weaknesses.....for when I am weak then I am strong.” Do you think he means that we should not pray to God to remove sin and suffering? Or that sin and suffering are not inherently evil? Matthew 6: 9 – 11
2 Corinthians 12: 9

“Sin is needful, but all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be well” – Julian of Northwich (13th Revelation; 27th chapter – page 37 of “Showing of Love” Translated by Julia Bolton Holloway.)

Has your discussion during this meeting made you think in a different way about times when God does not seem to answer your prayer?

Leader: Closing Prayer