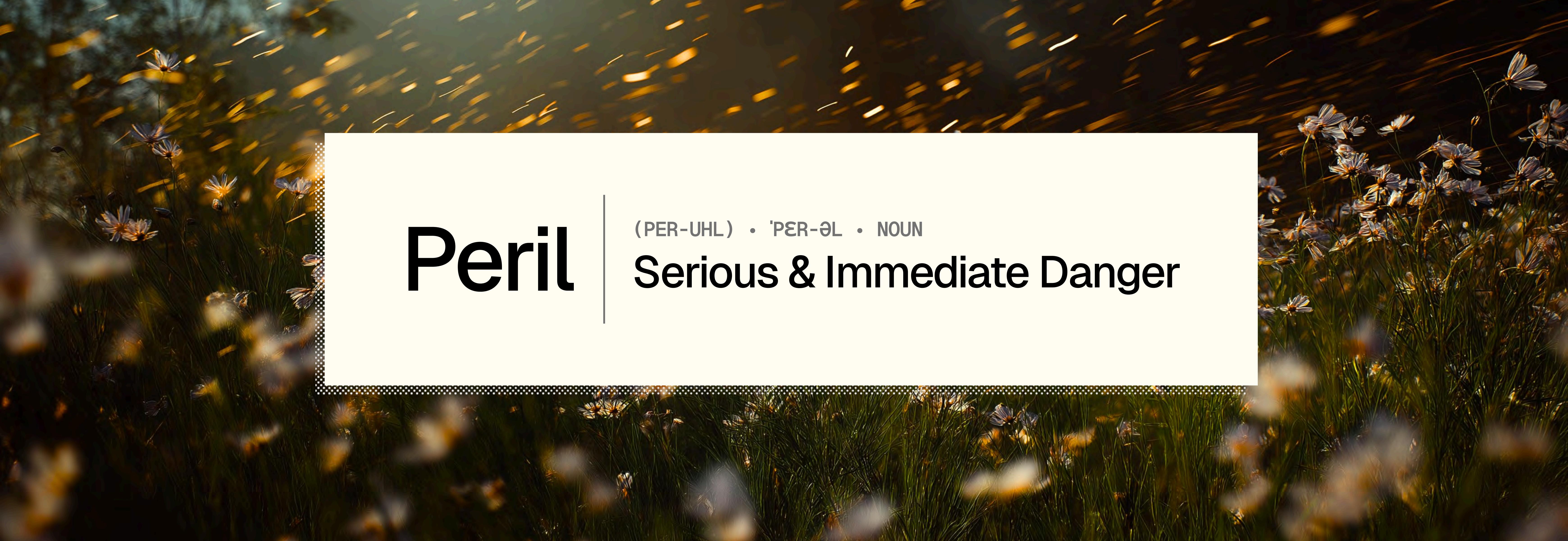




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# Peril

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**Serious & Immediate Danger**

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## Peril

After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

## Prayer

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

## Peril

<sup>6</sup> The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.

- ACTS 12:4-6 NIV

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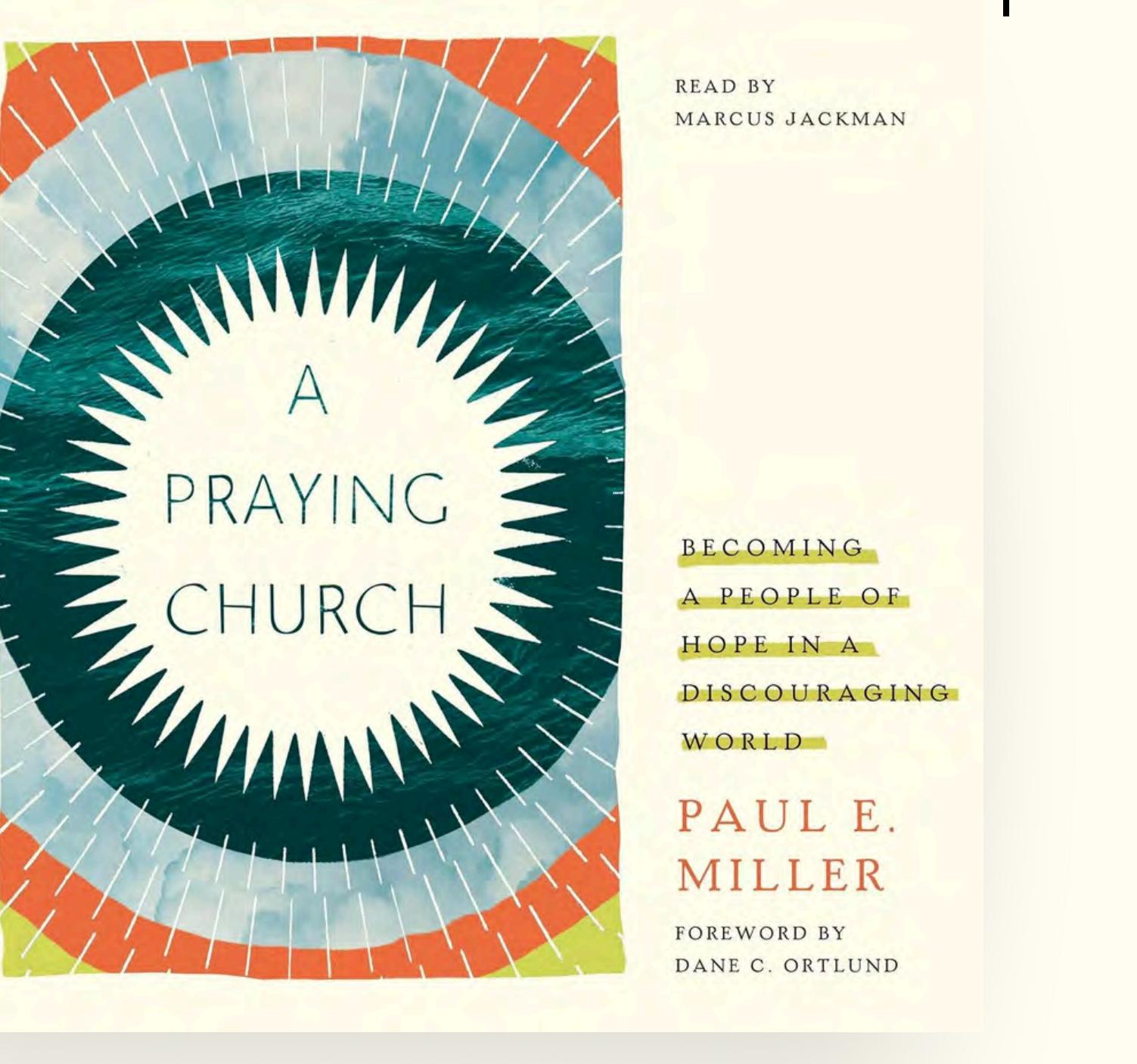
# Prayer

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church  
was earnestly praying to God for him.

ACTS 12:5 NIV

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“I am constant in corporate prayer because the Jesus communities I’m in are constant in need. I have no interest in doing anything that hasn’t been prayed for and prayed over. What I pray over lasts, and what I don’t pray over doesn’t last.

But there’s more: A Jesus community is characterized by wonder and the conduit to that is prayer. I’ve seen what happens when the Spirit of Jesus inhabits a community – everything starts to sparkle. Praying together is not a luxury, nor is it something just for the “spiritual” Christians; it’s the very breath of the church.

...We come alive when the Spirit of Jesus is the center of the church. Prayer makes space for the Spirit of Jesus at the center.”

- PAUL MILLER, A PRAYING CHURCH

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## SUNDAY

# Prayer Team for the Congregation and Individuals

→ For more information, visit the Community Booth in the Foyer.

## MONDAY

**Cell Groups/Students,  
Community Groups and Leaders**

## TUESDAY

**Revival and Gospel Movement  
in our Community**

## WEDNESDAY

**Global Workers  
and International Missions**

## THURSDAY

**Ministry Areas within our Local Church,  
other Churches and Across the Globe**

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# A Challenging Encouragement

↳ Begin each gathering with prayer!

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COMMUNITY  
GROUPS

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MEN & WOMEN  
GROUPS

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STUDENT  
CELL GROUPS

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In prayer,  
we draw closer to...

- who we pray to.
- who we pray with.
- who we pray for.

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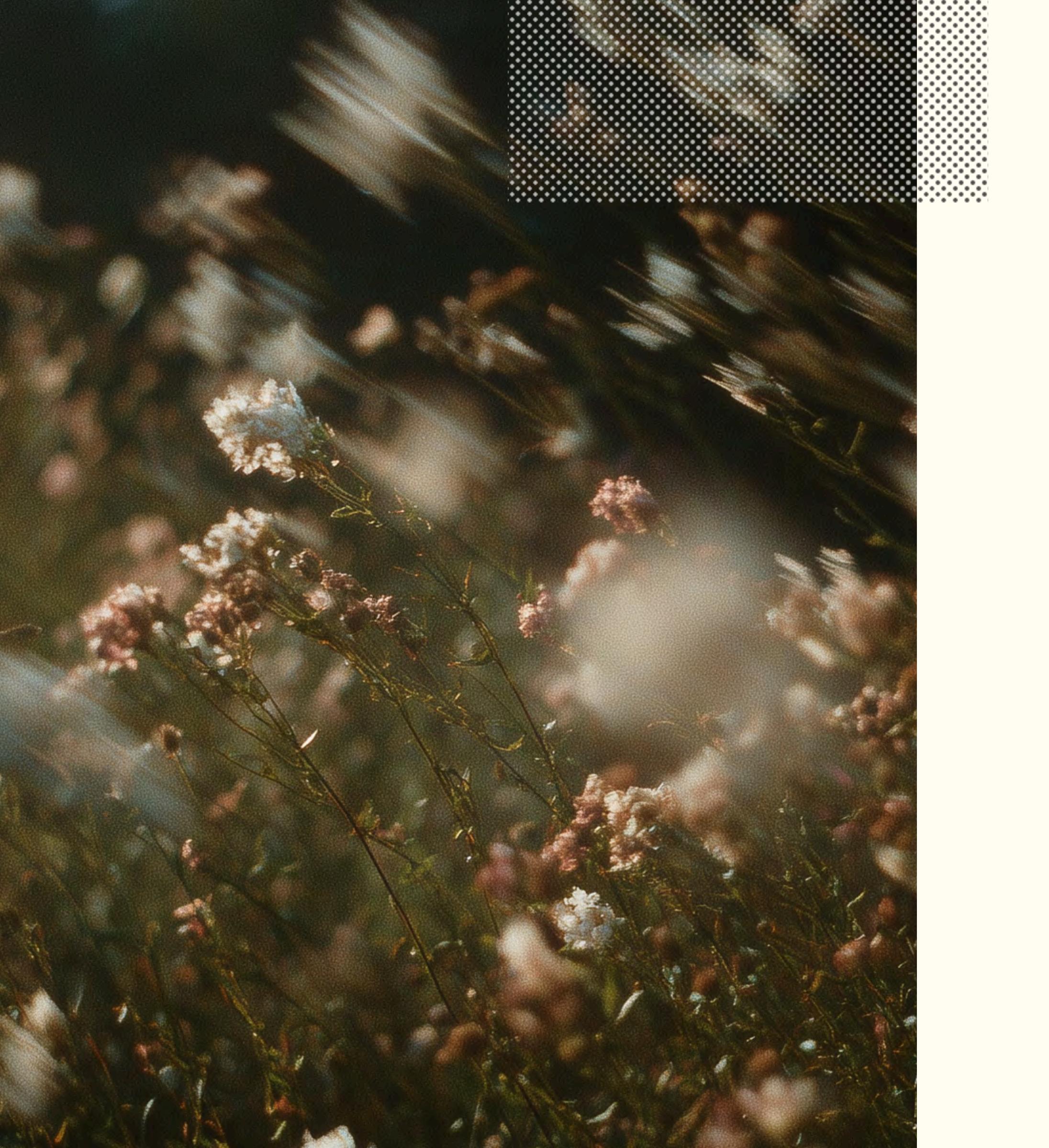
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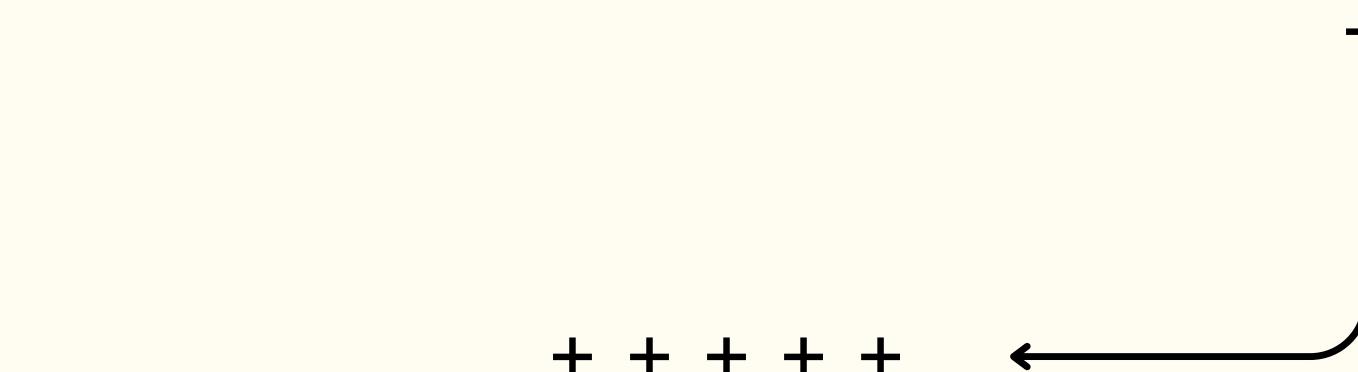
ACTS 12:5 NIV

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If God answered all my prayers today,  
would **the world** be any different or  
would **only my life** be different?



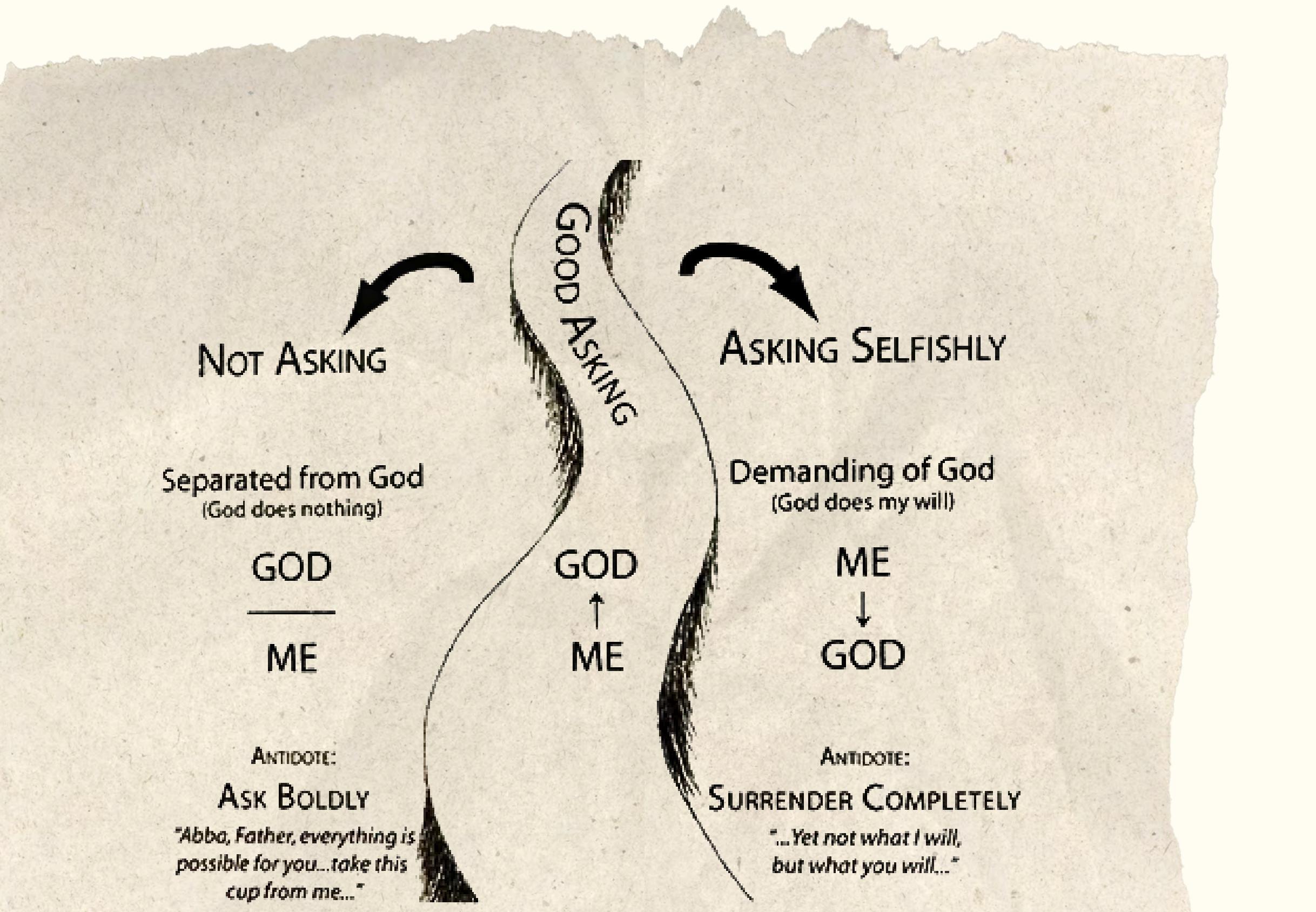
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**“Absent a clear kingdom goal, prayer easily becomes therapeutic, formless and just boring. It can drift into asking for some version of a pain-free world.”**

PAUL MILLER, A PRAYING CHURCH



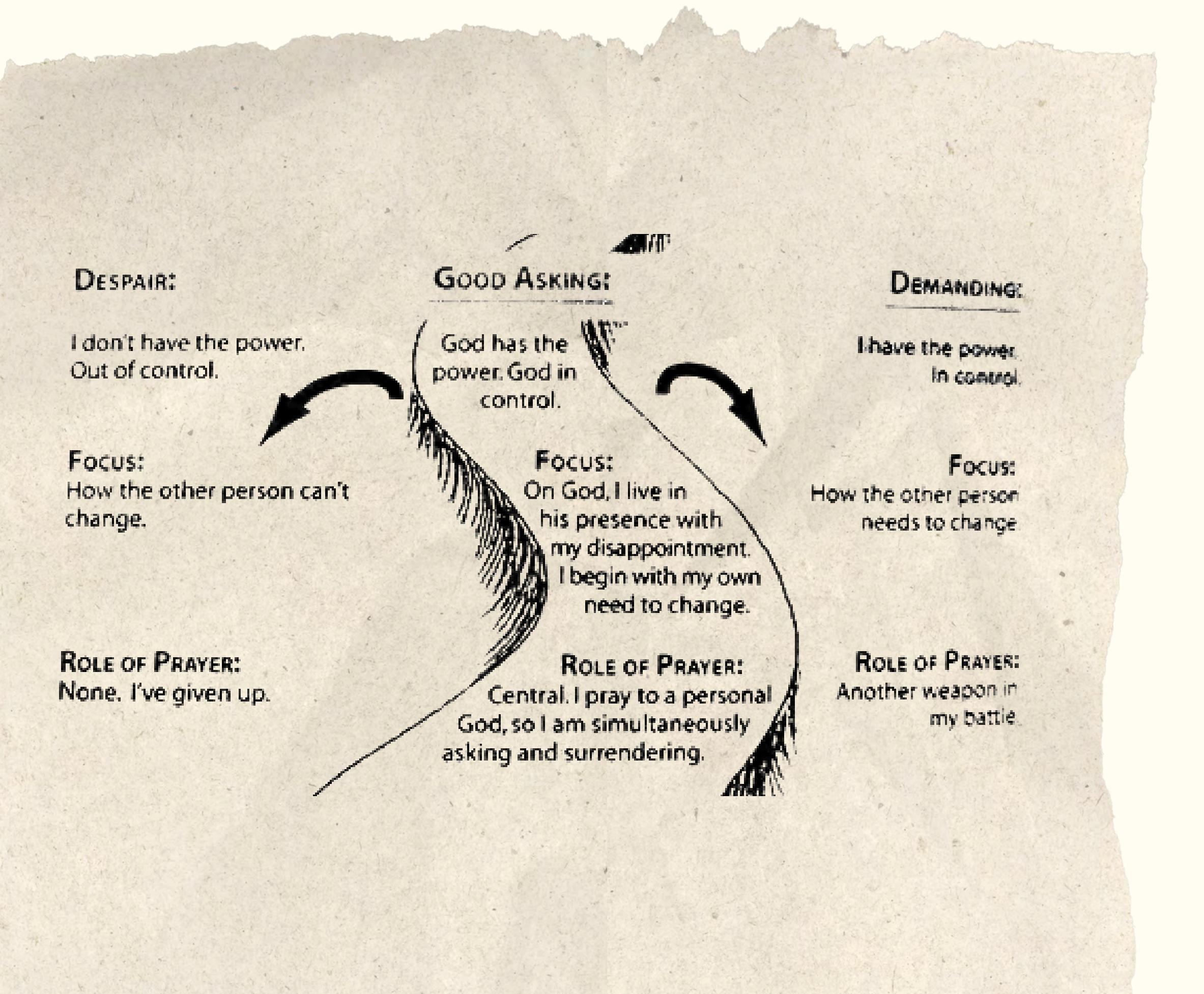
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# “A Praying Life”

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# Power

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.<sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him.<sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.

ACTS 12:7-9 NIV

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# Power

They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.<sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

ACTS 12:10-11 NIV

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# Power

Peace

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance.

ACTS 12:6 NIV

Deliverance

Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

ACTS 12:11 NIV

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When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying.

<sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup> When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

<sup>15</sup> "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." <sup>16</sup> But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup> Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this," he said, and then he left for another place.

ACTS 12:12-17 NIV

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# Power

On the appointed day Herod, wearing his royal robes, sat on his throne and delivered a public address to the people.

<sup>22</sup> They shouted, “This is the voice of a god, not of a man.”

<sup>23</sup> Immediately, because Herod did not give praise to God, **an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.**

ACTS 12:21-23 NIV



Justice

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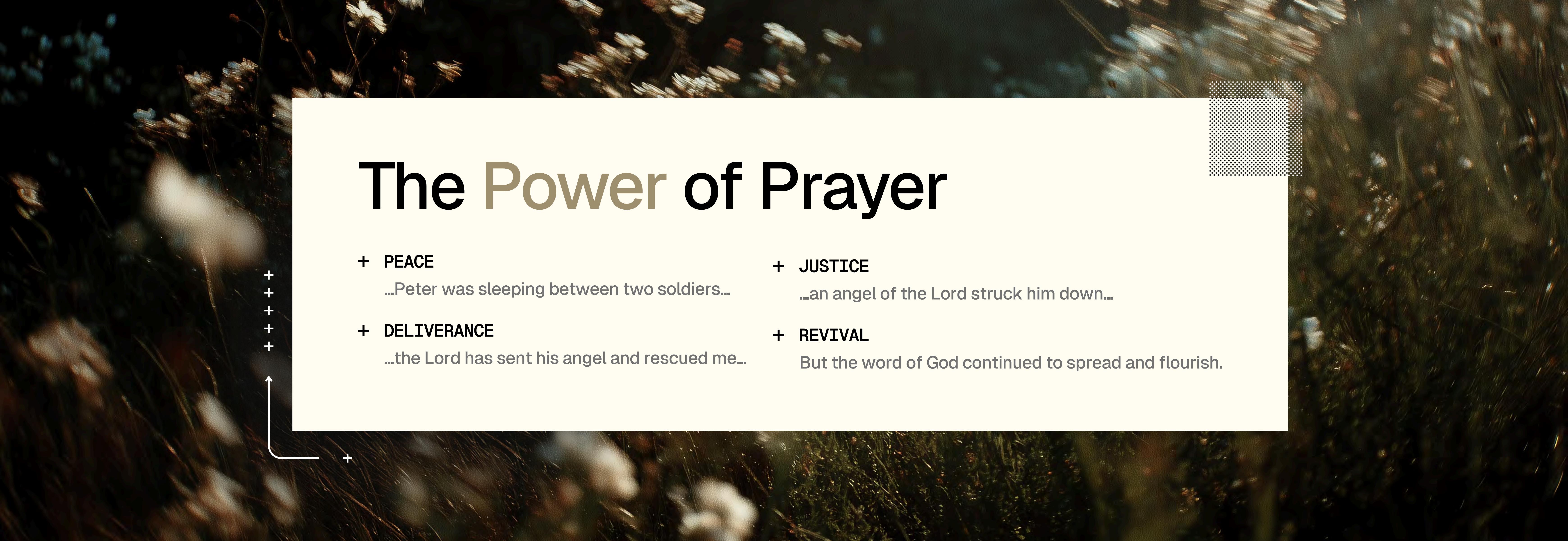
# Power

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.

ACTS 12:24 NIV

Revival





# The Power of Prayer

**+ PEACE**

...Peter was sleeping between two soldiers...

**+ DELIVERANCE**

...the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me...

**+ JUSTICE**

...an angel of the Lord struck him down...

**+ REVIVAL**

But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.