

**WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE—3
WHEN GOD SEEMS UNCOOPERATIVE**

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT PRAYER

**1) TRUE PRAYER ISN'T ABOUT GETTING OUR WAY, BUT
SURRENDERING OUR WILL.**

... Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. 2 Corinthians 12:7

**2) PRAYER REMINDS US THAT WE'RE NOT IN CONTROL
AND KEEPS US CLOSE TO THE ONE WHO IS.**

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 2 Corinthians 12:8

But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." ... 2 Corinthians 12:9

charis (khar'-ece)—undeserved favor, grace.

God freely extends Himself, leaning and reaching to us because He is disposed to bless and be near to us.

3) PRAYER ISN'T JUST ASKING, BUT TRUSTING.

... Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

- Be honest. What's something you need or want, but it feels like God just won't cooperate?
- What would you have to do differently to realize God's grace is simply enough?