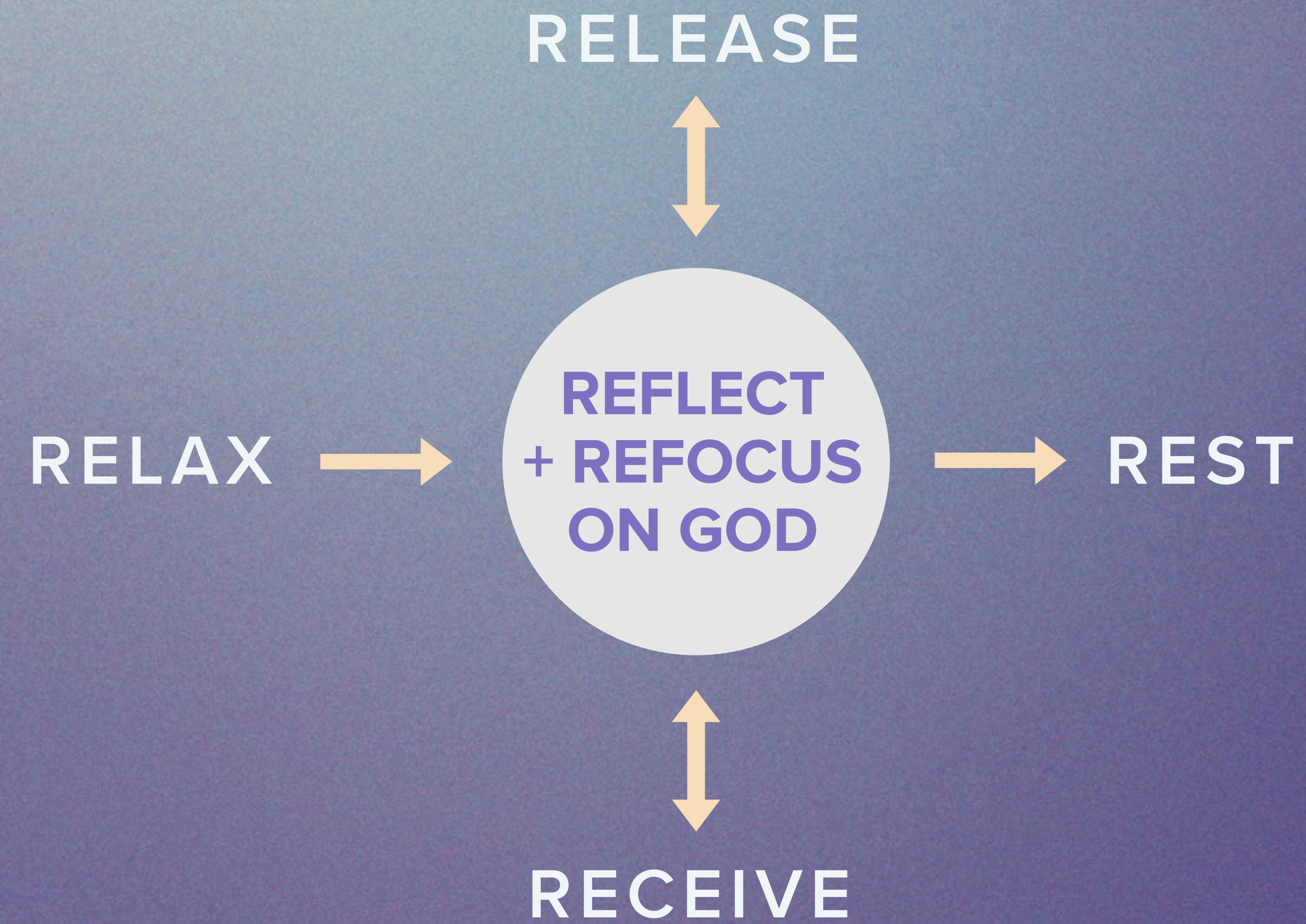


Prayer Pause

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Philippians 2:12b-13 ^{NIRV}

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*God, we join with your church throughout history in studying
Philippians, a letter that will help us live and love more like you.
Make us more like Jesus.*

What will God have to do to make that truer in your life?

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**We work
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Help us, for we are prone to doing too little, withholding parts of ourselves from you. Father, expand our hearts.

Make us more like Jesus.

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works in us.**

Help us, for we are prone to doing too much, trusting in our own accomplishments. Spirit, teach us to rest.

Make us more like Jesus.

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**We work
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works in us.**

*Give us the patience and perseverance we need to trust your work as you shape us into the likeness of your perfect Son.
Make us more like Jesus.*

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WEEK FIVE

Example of Paul

Nick Roland

CONGREGATIONAL LEADER

Philippians 2:12-13 ^{NIV}

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed— not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence— continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ^{NIV}

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Philippians 2:12-13 ^{NIV}

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The Gospel

I am freely loved, accepted, and forgiven by God's grace through faith. And that love of God demands and empowers my transformation through obedience.

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Philippians 2:14-16 ^{NIV}

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

Philippians 2:17-18 ^{NIV}

But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

A God-empowered, transformed life is a witness to the world of God's grace.