



# THE POWER OF GOD

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**WARM UP QUESTION:** Have you ever been on the brink of having something bad happen but then it didn't? How did it impact you?

**READ:** Romans 1:18–25

**FOCUS:** God's wrath is reserved for all humanity, but Jesus bore that wrath on our behalf. We experience the blessing of Jesus' sacrifice as we receive the truth, give praise and thanksgiving to God, and stay connected with Christ-followers who do the same.

**OBSERVE:**

- Paul mentions God's wrath to show the glorious light of the good news against the backdrop of the reality of evil in the world. He wants us to understand how helpless and hopeless we are without God and how loving and merciful God is.
- God's wrath begins with His allowing us to do whatever we want even if it is against His Word. God desires us to walk in His will, but He will not force us to choose His path. He allows us to pursue our desires, even if that leads to separation from Him.
- We come under the wrath of God by suppressing and rejecting His truth. We worship created things rather than the Creator, and the consequences are bondage, stagnation and moral decline leading to death.
- This bad news makes the good news incredibly good news! The good news is that Jesus bore God's wrath so that we do not have to. We can either accept the finished work of Christ or to endure it ourselves. We must repent and choose life in Christ, who transforms wrath into redemption and judgment into joy.

**DISCUSS:**

- What stood out to you, or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
- Accepting the work of Christ frees us from incurring God's wrath. In what ways have you been changed as you've accepted this truth?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- Take time to reflect on if there are areas where you are suppressing God's truth? Repent and allow God's truth to transform your heart.
- Join a LIFE Group/build a spiritual family who can help you cultivate a life of gratitude towards Jesus for saving you from the wrath due unto you.

**PRAY:** *Father, thank you for your Son, Jesus, who bore Your wrath so that we do not have to. Help us to remember and live in light of this good news so that we can reach others who do not know Your truth, that they may also be delivered from Your wrath. In Jesus' Name, Amen!*