it righteous anger. But neither is what Jesus intended when He said to be in the world, but not of it. Maybe our hardship is to hold the tension – neither retreating nor attacking – but being available to bless others, and extend mercy and acceptance in the midst of a challenging situation. God changed Paul's heart completely and He can change ours if we're willing.

**PRAYER:** Read the questions/ prompts below. Someone decide to go first and pray out to God your answers to each question/ prompt. The person not praying out loud is agreeing in prayer for the person praying for themselves. Pray that God would give you the awareness and humility to extend grace in hostile settings when someone disagrees with you or takes advantage of you. Blessing others can also be showing mercy when we would rather attack or demand justice.

Pray for the one person God has put on your heart, and for you to hear clearly from the Lord about how to extend friendship to him/her. Pray they would be drawn to Jesus' goodness through your prayers. Prayer is so powerful.

