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So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it.

-Romans 9:16

Reflect

Be still for a moment. A prayer to start...Father, open my ears and my heart to your living word.

Read the full passage in your Bible - Romans 9:1-29 NLT

What is it from these verses that grabs your heart or sparks curiosity?

What do you notice about God's plans for his people?

When it comes to trusting God and his plans for me (in the midst of challenges, losses, and disappointments) which one describes you...low trust, high trust, up and down trust or something else? What is that?

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Pray

Turn to God and use the previous question as a springboard for prayer. What might God want to say to you about this? Listen carefully.

Talk to God about your desires in this area. Invite him to meet you where you are at and to deepen non-anxious trust in him.

As you soak this scripture, what do you want to praise God for (who he is) and thank God for (what he's done)? Go ahead and do that.

Live It Out

Invitation/Challenge: This week start each day by surrendering your plans in prayer—acknowledging that God's wisdom is greater than your own. When suffering or disappointment hits, instead of rushing to fix or explain it, pause to pray. And remind yourself that God is still in control, he's still good, and he is writing a story that's bigger than you can see right now.

Bonus...is there someone in your life who needs to hear this message? Reach out this week.