

Purpose

TEACH	DO	ASK
God can use your anxiety to do something MAGNIFICENT in your life.	Write KEY words.	How did I describe the things God can do for you. (magnificent)
Anxiety may not feel like much of a GIFT, but it really is, in a sense.	Write KEY words.	Today, we are looking at anxiety as a what? (gift)
It is kind of like an internal ALARM that screams, "God wants to do something INCREDIBLE for you."	Write KEY words.	I said it is like an internal what? (alarm) *What word did I use that means really good? (incredible)
Consider the CRICKET!	Write KEY words.	Consider the what? (cricket) *A cricket is a what? (bug, insect)

	<p>Read "The Cricket."</p>	<p>*To sum up this story, would you use the word, happiness or purpose? (purpose)</p> <p>*Who do you think the gardener represents? (God)</p>
<p>You may ask, "So what is God's PURPOSE for my anxiety? "</p> <p>At the pinnacle of God's creation, humans were made to RULE and subdue the earth.</p>	<p>Write KEY words.</p> <p>Read Genesis 1:27-28</p>	<p>You and I, as humans, were created to do what over the earth? (rule, subdue)</p>
<p>You see, we were not made to be anxious. When God saves us, He not only forgives our sins, but He begins the process of SANCTIFYING our THINKING. That is why your anxiety has purpose.</p>	<p>Write KEY words.</p>	<p>Why did I say your anxiety has purpose? Because God sanctifies our what? (thinking)</p>
	<p>Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10</p>	<p>God says that When I am weak, then I am what? (strong)</p>

The Cricket

The cricket, in the spring, builds his house in the meadow, and chirps for joy because all is going to so well with him. But when he hears the sound of the plough a few furrows off -- then his sky begins to darken, and his young heart fails him!

By and by, the plough comes crunching along, turns his dwelling bottom-side up, and he goes rolling over and over, without a house and without a home! "Oh," he says, "the foundations of the world are breaking up, and everything is hastening to destruction!"

But the gardener, as he walks behind the plough -- does he think the foundations of the world are breaking up? No. He is thinking only of the harvest that is to follow in the wake of the plough; and the cricket, if it will but wait, will see the gardener's purpose.

Genesis 1:27-28

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So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

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God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong."