

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Ephesians 3:14-21](#).
- B. The church is always on the edge. It is on the edge of greatness or on the edge of defeat. Our attitude and commitment will determine which way we go from that edge.
- C. Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3, suggests that the church should be on the edge greatness due to the love and power of God. Based on that prayer it's time to start dreaming, and keep praying.

I. PAUL'S PRAYER.

- A. Scripture text: Eph. 3:14-19.
- B. There are certain words that "jump out at me" in this prayer:
 - 1. Strengthened.
See 3:16. This is for the inner man. The HS working in our life helps us bear fruit. We are blessed according to His riches, not just out of His riches. Jesus gives not a portion, but a proportion (2Cor. 4:16-18).
 - 2. Rooted.
See 3:17. This means nourishment and stability? Everyone needs these two things to live and grow. Good soil (hearts) makes for a deep and productive root system. Ask yourself, "What gives me my nourishment?" (Psa. 1:1-3).
 - 3. Comprehension.
See 3:18. This means to mentally grasp. To apprehend means to understand something in a way as to make it your own. Paul wants us to take the 4-dimensional love of X (the breadth, length, height, and depth) and make it our own.
 - 4. Fullness.
See 3:19. This is the culmination of the first three. To have a complete spiritual awareness of the greatness and fullness of God. This goes past knowledge and encompasses the entire being (Col. 1:28,29; 2:9,10).
- C. It is a tremendous prayer because it focuses on everything spiritual. With this kind of help "at work within us" we need to do two things...

II. FIRST, START DREAMING.

- A. Notice in the benediction the following progression:
Now unto Him that is able to do...
 - all
 - above all
 - abundantly above all
 - exceedingly abundantly above all
- B. What we need to do, to harness this power is ASK and DREAM.
- C. To win the spiritual victory over Satan/sin we need power that is beyond human understanding or measurement.
- D. The end result of this power working in our lives is NOT:
 - 1. Church buildings, buses, and big budgets.
 - 2. Programs, profits, propaganda or paraphernalia.
- E. The end result is that Christ is glorified in His church.

III. SECOND, KEEP PRAYING.

- A. Notice the following examples of those who were dreamers for God.
 - 1. Joshua & Caleb (Num. 13').

When no one else said they could take the promised land, these two did. They were dreamers who knew God's power.

Brethren, it's time to start dreaming!

2. Isaiah & Hezekiah (Isa. 37).

These two saved the city of Jerusalem, sending Sennacherib home 185,000 soldiers short.

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3. Elisha & the attendant (2Kgs. 6).

The king of Syria was tired of Elisha and sent an army to kill him, but God's army in the mountains were stronger.

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- B. In the face of overwhelming odds, there are those who have great faith in God to keep working, keep dreaming, and keep praying. We serve the same God they did!

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Promise yourself that you are going to begin dreaming and praying.
- B. The power is available for those who are children of God.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.