

THE BOOK OF  
EPHESIANS



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# PRAYING B.H.A.P.S

Ephesians 3.14-21

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## ICEBREAKER

**Last week's challenge was to share God's life changing Gospel with someone. Who did you share it with and how did they receive it?**



## Introduction

- What is your BIG, HAIRY, AUDACIOUS, PRAYER? What is something in your life that is too big for you to fix, that only God can repair and make whole?

## Prayer for His Spirit... In Us (v.16).

- You grow in strength by God growing in you. Romans 7 says we are either led by the Spirit or the flesh. The Christian life is a Holy Spirit empowered life. What is that like for you? How does that resonate in your life?
- The Christian Life is a Holy Spirit Empowered Life! You and I should DAILY DESIRE more of the Power and Strength of the HOLY SPIRIT! How are you praying for MORE OF GOD'S SPIRIT in you?

## Prayer for Christ in our Heart v.17

- Have you prayed that Christ would dwell in your heart? How has your heart changed since then?
- Jesus said, "Out of the abundance or the overflow of our heart, your mouth speaks." What rules your heart? What rules the core of you? Is it Jesus, or is it the things of the world?

- We tell our children that God is in our hearts. How do you explain what it means to have God in your heart to someone who has never heard this expression before?

### **Prayer for our Mind to be Blown! v.18-19**

- Paul is praying that you would do more than believe in God, but that you would comprehend in your brain the ever-expanding realities of God! What are some things we can do to GROW in KNOWING GOD?
- If we think about it, we could all find a time in our life when we had an experience that left us wondering how this could possibly be. How did this experience strengthen your belief in God's ability to control things in your life and in the world?

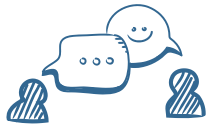
### **Prayer for the Fullness of God v.19**

- Read Romans 8:11 and 1 John 4:4. The fullness of God in you is able to do more than you could ever imagine. He can do more than you could ever do alone. How do you allow Him to do this without getting in His way?
- What does "the fullness of God" mean to you in your life? What does your life look like as a God filled life?

### **All Glory to a VERY BIG God! v.20-21**

- A better rendering of the original Greek in Ephesians 3:20-21 is, "Now to God who has ALL POWER over ALL THINGS..." That's the GOD we are praying to! ALL POWER! Why have you not given it to our God who has ALL POWER?
- We talked about the Holy Spirit, Christ in our heart, the fullness of God, and a very big God. When you take all that together, can you see how your life brings glory to God? Share an example of that.

# ACT ON IT



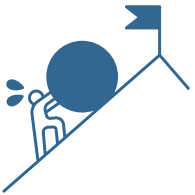
## Encourage

What rules your heart? Paul reminds us that out of the heart of man comes evil thoughts, so we don't want to follow our hearts. But rather, allow the Spirit of God to lead you and guide you in your daily walk with Christ. God can do anything flawlessly if we just let him guide us.



## Ask

Without God's Spirit you are not saved. Have you sat down and prayed for God's fullness in your life and to be filled with his Holy Spirit?



## Challenge

HE IS ABLE! God can HEAL! God can RESTORE! God can PROVIDE! God can HELP YOU FORGIVE! Remember that Big, Hairy, Audacious Prayer in the introduction above? Your challenge this week is to pray daily and seek God's help with that B.H.A.P. Ask Him to fill you with His power and work through you to do what you cannot alone. Do this daily. Do this multiple times per day and see what God can do.

# PRAYER

Lord, you are good, and you rule over everything. There are things in my life for which ONLY you can correct their direction; thank you for always shining a light and revealing your path for me. I pray for more of you every day—more of your obedience, which will lead me to lean on your strength and power. Dwell in me as I abide in you. Grant me the strength to comprehend all you have for me through your Word. Lord, my heart is yours; please help me to operate using my God-given heart and not my worldly, selfish, and, according to Paul, my evil heart. Thank you, Lord. Amen.