

Sermon Title: **“PRAY BIG”**

Ephesians 3:14-21

- Our God, the SAME God in the Old Testament, is a BIG, BIG God
 - Intellectually we know this truth, but do we recognize that VERY SAME BIG God is at work presently & actively in our everyday lives?
 - Our BIG God’s Timing is Perfect, His Strength is Unmatched & He’s ALWAYS in Complete Control!
 - But if we’re NOT careful, we can reduce our God to a small, insignificant, incapable, inadequate, inferior, itty-bitty God
- Ephesians 3:14-21 is a unique passage of Scripture
 - Ephesians chapters 1-3 focuses on who we are in Christ (our identity)
 - Ephesians chapters 4-6 focuses on how we live that reality out
 - Ephesians 3:14-21 acts as a transition between both sections
 - Think about this, this bridge that Paul uses is that of prayer
- It’s through Jesus that we’re granted open access to God
- The act of kneeling in Scripture is an act of deep humility before God (that’s honestly the heart behind kneeling in prayer)
- God’s Resources NEVER run dry
 - So, when we come before God in prayer, know that our BIG God is MORE than capable of ANYTHING!!!
- Do you honestly believe God wants to do something in our area?
 - We’re praying for our church family to step out in faith & trust our BIG God
 - I challenge you to pray SO BIG that ONLY God can bail us out
- Paul was praying that these believers would experience firsthand Christ’s supreme power & God’s great love toward sinners
- “Dwell” = to settle down (it carries the idea of a permanent resident)
 - When Christ enters the heart of a believer, He reigns & we get to reflect His character to those we come in contact with
- The Ephesian believers KNEW God’s Love
 - Paul was praying for us to know it better ... to know it firsthand (to experience the limitlessness of God’s love)
 - The Width of God’s Love – covers ALL ages, ALL genders, ALL races, ALL denominations
 - The Length of God’s Love – God loves with an everlasting love
 - The Height of God’s Love – beyond the height of the heavens
 - The Depth of God’s Love – ALL our sins God has hurled to the bottom of the deepest, darkest sea
 - God’s love for us, is a tool He uses to grow us & mature us
- Our God is able to do extraordinary things through completely ordinary people by His power working in us