

Message Notes for 7-19-20
For This Reason I Kneel
Ephesians 3:13-21

Ephesians 3:13-21 (ESV) ¹³ *So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.*
¹⁴ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*
¹⁵ *from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*
¹⁶ *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*
¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*
¹⁸ *may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,*
¹⁹ *and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*
²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,*
²¹ *to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

1. Paul prayed the prayer in _____ !
- If there were ever a time to be earnest about prayer – _____ !
2. The power of prayer is in the _____ pray!
- Paul speaks of the Father in the sense of the one with all _____
 - The God who _____ all that there is and _____ together!

Luke 1:37 (ESV) ³⁷ *For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

- We pray because we believe in the _____ of _____

Psalms 115:3 (ESV) ³ *Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

Daniel 4:35 (ESV) ³⁵ *all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*

3. Our prayers can make a difference in what _____

Exodus 32:7-10 (ESV) ⁷ *And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.*

⁸ *They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’”*

⁹ *And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.*

¹⁰ *Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”*

Exodus 32:14 (ESV) ¹⁴ *And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.*

- When God’s people pray _____

Psalms 33:11 (ESV) ¹¹ *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.*

- God uses _____ to accomplish his purposes.

Jeremiah 18:7-8 (ESV) ⁷ *If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.*

4. Prayer can bring a change to our _____

2 Kings 3:18 (ESV) ¹⁸ *This is a light thing in the sight of the LORD. He will also give the Moabites into your hand,*

- We humans are the only one of God's creation given the ability to hear God's commands and then _____ _____
_____ to _____ or not _____ !

5. God _____ answers prayer, but sometimes the answer is _____ what we _____

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV) ⁸ *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.*

⁹ *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

- Sometimes God meets us in _____
- Our trust in the power of God does not continue because we always get _____, but because we believe in the _____ of God!

Ephesians 3:20 (ESV) ²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do ... all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,*

6. God is _____

- to _____ than we ask or think

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV) ²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do*

_____ all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,