

Say Yes to God: Growing Deeper in God's Grace
"A Mother's Prayer"
Ephesians 3:14-21

THE BIG IDEA:

We all know prayer is an important part of the Christian life. What we pray for reflects our heart's desire, our values, and even our view of God. In this passage from Ephesians, we get a glimpse into the prayer life, and thus the heart of the Apostle Paul because these verses are actually a prayer. This prayer is a great model prayer for us, especially as we pray for our children or others whom we love.

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED

1. Is there something that you have prayed about for a long time? What is it?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Ephesians 3:14-21

2. What was one idea from Steve's sermon that especially "struck" you?
3. The basic request Paul makes in this prayer is:
4. What words would you use to describe the "mood" of this prayer?
5. What are the four requests that Paul makes?
vv.16-17a
v. 17b
vv. 18-19a
v. 19b
6. What did Steve mean when he said that when children are rooted in God's grace they can also have wings to fly high?

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LIVING OUT "REAL LIFE"

7. What does this prayer tell you about how Paul views God? How does your prayer life demonstrate what you think about God?
8. Out of the 4 requests highlighted in question # 5, which one do you most desire for your own life?

THE EXTRA MILE

9. What steps would you like to take to improve your prayer life?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God's hope and the power of the Resurrection through one another. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another needs. There you find the power of God.