

# Strengthened With Power

Series: Break Through

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## INTRODUCTION

Today, we are kicking off a new sermon series called “Break Through”. In this series, we will be focusing on 4 specific areas of our lives where we could potentially experience some amazing spiritual breakthroughs this year.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What’s the funniest or oddest thing that you’ve ever heard someone pray and ask for? Have you ever prayed to God with ulterior motives?
2. What are some of the things that keep you from praying – guilt, boredom, distraction, doubt, etc.? Share of a time where you prayed for something big and God answered in a big way.
3. Read Ephesians 3:14-15. What does Paul’s posture reveal about his heart of prayer? How can this potentially impact our own prayer lives?
4. Read Ephesians 3:16-17. What does Paul pray for? According to these verses, what is the true source of spiritual power and blessings? Why is it that we often come to God with small and general requests when it says here that He desires to give out of His glorious riches?
5. In Ephesians 3:18-19, Paul paints a picture of a tower of glasses, and how each one is filled up as the ones on top overflow. If God were to answer all of our prayers from just last week, how would our lives and the lives of those around us look different? Would it make any difference?
6. As we reflect on our lives this past year, what nickname would best describe our prayer lives (lazy, doubtful, fearful, indifferent, absent, etc.)? What steps can we take to become people who are marked by big, bold and faith-filled prayers?

## CONCLUSION

Prayer is one of those things we believe in, yet exercise the least. We believe in the power of prayer but oftentimes we don’t pray as much as we should or as much as we would like. However, there is power in prayer as we come before an infinitely powerful God, who is able to do far more than we can imagine. The question is, though, will we be people of prayer, and will we be a church that is marked by big, bold, faith-filled prayers?

*“20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” – Ephesians 3:20-21*