

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Gordon Coggins – minor stroke

Irvin Smith – critical condition in ICU, remember his wife, Karen, and family in your prayers

Jeremy Holmes (age 19, son of Tracy & Debbie) – UCSF, cancer complications

Rita Busenhart – knee replacement 6/13

Ritchie Smith – hand & arm bone graft from hip due to motorcycle accident, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

Recent hospitalizations / surgeries: Dorrell Smith, Linda Johnson, Trudi Jackson

Hospice Care: Adrienne Gomes (husband Ryan, they have a baby & toddler)

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **You can also subscribe to our online Prayer Update by visiting www.tlc.org/profiles and signing up.**

Recharging Your Faith

Part 5: Ephesians 3:14-21
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amazed.

"I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance... yet... you have forsaken your first love." Revelation 2:2,4 (Jesus to the Ephesian church)

Paul's Prescription for Bored Believers

- 1. See** _____
*"For this reason I kneel before the **Father**, from whom His whole **family** in heaven and on earth derives its name."* Ephesians 3:14,15
- 2. Savor** _____
*"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may **dwell** in your hearts through faith."* Ephesians 3:16,17a
- 3. Soak** _____
*"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how **wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ** and to **know this love that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be **filled to the measure of all the fullness of God**."* Ephesians 3:17b-19
- 4. Shift** _____
*"Now to Him who is able to **do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine**, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."* Ephesians 3:20,21

The result: _____

Ephesians so far...

**I'M BLESSED WITH
EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

I'M CHOSEN BY GOD

I'M HOLY AND BLAMELESS IN GOD'S SIGHT

I'M ADOPTED BY GOD

I'VE BEEN SET FREE

I'M FREELY FORGIVEN

I HAVE GOD'S RICHES

I'M SAVED BY GRACE

I'M A MASTERPIECE

I HAVE A DESTINY

**I AM IN ONE BODY WITH
OTHER BELIEVERS**

Daily Meditations

Monday


Read Revelation 2:1-7 and Ephesians 3:14-21. In the Revelation passage God is calling the Ephesians to repent and return to their first love. What was your relationship with God like when you first became a believer?

When you feel like you've lost that "first love" you had for God, how can these verses in Ephesians help renew and refocus your love?

Pray the prayer of Paul from Ephesians 3:14-21. Ask God the Father to strengthen you with power through the Spirit, so that Christ really dwells in your heart, so that you can know the height and depth of His love for you, and so that you might be filled to the fullness of all the riches of God!

Tuesday

Read Ephesians 3:14-15. We have read over and over again that God is our Father. For example, read Matthew 7:9-11. What significance does seeing God as your Father have for you?

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How can focusing on God as your Father help you be an agent of peace in the body of Christ?

Thank God today that He is your Father, that He loves you and cares for you. Pray that you will grow in your understanding of this truth and that God will use you to encourage others.

Wednesday

Read Ephesians 3:16. What does Paul pray for all believers in this verse?

Look back over Ephesians 1. What riches has Christ given you?

How do you need Christ's strength in your inner being today?

Thank God today for the riches He has lavished on you. Talk to Him about the areas of your life where you feel weak. Ask Him to strengthen and empower you today.

Thursday

Read Ephesians 3:18-19. WOW! Just dwell on these verses for a few minutes. When you take these to heart it will change your world! What encouragement do you receive from these verses?

What obstacles do you face in believing that you can truly know and experience God?

How can these verses help you enjoy God again?

Thank God today for His amazing love that knows no bounds. Ask Him to help you live like a child who is loved today. Pray that God's love for you would spill over to those you interact with today.

Friday

Read Ephesians 3:20-21. After writing the previous verses, Paul can't help but explode with praise for God. How does knowing the truth of who God is and how much He loves you result in praises for God in your life?

In what area of your life are you struggling to believe that God is able to exceedingly, abundantly, beyond all that you can ask or think?

How can confidence in the truth of this passage help you enjoy life?

Spend some time meditating on this passage—focus on God and His greatness. Pray that God will continually make you aware of the truth about Himself and His love for you.

Saturday

Please finish up any devotions you missed and be sure you know this week's verse! Pray that God will help you grow in your understanding of Him. Please pray for the services this weekend—that they will honor God and be a beacon of hope for those who are here.



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