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He Does All That . . And A Whole Lot More!

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Ephesians 3:14-21

Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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At the age of 6, God revealed to S. Mark Haywood II that he had a divine calling on his life. God continued to lead and guide Mark in his formative years, and at the age of 10, Mark became saved. Nearly two decades later, Mark formally accepted his calling to the ministry.



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① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. Based on verses 14-17, what are three ways that Christ demonstrates His love toward us?

2. Based on verse 19, why does Paul emphasize that it is so important to understand Christ's love for us?
 3. If we look at verses 20-21, should we be overly concerned about our own ability (or lack thereof) to succeed? Why or why not?
 4. With all that we do in life and in ministry, who ultimately should get the glory?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes
