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Introduction

Matthew 5:14-16 (ESV) “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

A BIG Calling

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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A Call to Pursuit

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Now **TO HIM** who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

Psalm 105:4 (NKJV) *Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore!*

Psalm 27:8 (ESV) *You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”*

Matthew 6:33 (ESV) *But **seek first the kingdom** of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

A calling for a shift in the “center of gravity” of our lives; not a “quit your job” kind of shift, but a change in the center of gravity away from self-centeredness, comfort, convenience, and ease; away from just survival, barely making it, drudgery.

[Context: James 4:1-10]

James 4:8 (ESV) **Draw near** to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded.

“Purity of heart is to will **one thing**.” ~ Soren Kierkegaard

Psalm 27:4 (ESV) *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.*

We are being called to a **focused pursuit** of God’s presence.

A Call to Prayer

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we **ASK** or think, according to the power that works in us

[*Context: John 15:1-17 (John 13-16)*]

John 15:1-8 (ESV) “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that **does not bear fruit** he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit **he prunes**, that it may bear **more fruit**. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. **Abide in me, and I in you**. As the branch **cannot** bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, **neither can you**, unless you **abide in me**. I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him**, he it is that bears **much fruit**, for **APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING**. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you **abide in me**, and **my WORDS abide in you**, **ASK** whatever you wish, and **it will be done for you**. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

[*See Also: John 14:14, 15:7, 15:16, 16:23*]

Psalm 37:4-5 (ESV) *Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*

Philippians 2:13 (ESV) *for it is God who works **in you**, both **to will and to work** for his good pleasure.*

We are being called to bear fruit from **intimate prayer**.

A Call to Perspective

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or **THINK**, according to the power that works in us

Romans 8:5-6 (ESV) For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-8 (MSG) Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real

life. Those who trust God's action in them find that God's Spirit is in them—living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God. Anyone completely absorbed in self ignores God, ends up thinking more about self than God. That person ignores who God is and what he is doing. And God isn't pleased at being ignored.

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV) *Have this **mind** among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

1 Corinthians 2:16 (ESV) *“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*

James 3:17-18 (ESV) *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

We are being called to live from **heaven's perspective**.

A Call to Power

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **POWER** that works **IN US**

Acts 2:1 (NKJV) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

[Reference: Psalm 133:1-3, Genesis 11:8, John 17:20-23]

Ephesians 4:3 (ESV) eager to maintain **the unity of the Spirit** in the bond of peace.

We are being called to **unity** that releases the **power** of the Spirit.

Revelation 7:10 (ESV) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and **crying out with a loud voice**, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

A Call to Praise

Ephesians 3:21 (NKJV) **TO HIM BE GLORY** in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 105:1-5 (ESV) Oh **give thanks** to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing **praises** to him; tell of all his wondrous works! **Glory in his holy name**; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered...

We are being called to a higher level of **praise** and **thanksgiving**.

Conclusion

Revelation 4:8-11 (ESV) And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."