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Enlightened: The Greatness of God's Power

Ephesians 1:15-22

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"Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the muscle of Omnipotence." —C.H. Spurgeon

15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might 20that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church. —Ephesians 1:15-22

1. Prayer Gives _____ on Life

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen… 3By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. —Hebrews 11:1, 3

"The Christian life could be described as getting to know God better day by day." —William Barclay

2. Prayer Provides _____ to Overcome

• Hope in _____

Notes:

• **Assurance of** _____

• **Power in the** _____

"power… working… strength… might"

3. Prayer Shapes _____ in our Days

"The church is an organism, not an organization."

"The church is to be a transforming power indeed, through the presence of the risen Christ within, the greatest of all powers in the world. Those who belong to the church are changed; apart from the power of Christ in their lives, they do not even belong to it. Then, having been changed and having become members of the church, they are to work through the power of Christ in the church to transform the world powerfully. This victory is not achieved by arms. It is not achieved by marches or by the force of power politics. It is the victory of transformed lives as, through the church which Christ fills, the rule of Christ is extended forcefully throughout the world."

—James Montgomery Boice

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