

Bold Prayers to a Big God

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Series: Pray First

Text: [Ephesians 3:20-21](#)

Big Idea: Pray bold prayers to a big God.

God Has a Proven Track Record

- God is faithful, good, powerful, and wise
- Prayer is an invitation for God to work in our lives
- Our confidence in prayer flows from who God is, not who we are

Key Scripture:

- [Ephesians 3:20-21](#)

God's Definition vs. Cultural Definition

- Culture defines greatness as:
 - Money, success, power, fame, beauty
- Jesus defines greatness as:
 - Serving instead of authority
 - Contentment instead of riches
 - Risk instead of comfort
 - Sacrifice instead of convenience

- Giving instead of getting
- Character instead of outward beauty

God's Power in Prayer

- God is able to do anything
- Nothing is too hard for Him
- Bold prayers are a response to a great God

Key Scripture:

- [Ephesians 3:20](#)

"Exceeding Abundantly Above All"

- God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours
- God's answers may differ from our desires, plans, or expectations
- Trust is required when God's "better" feels difficult

Key Scriptures:

- [Ephesians 3:20](#)
- [Isaiah 55:8-9](#)

Bold Prayer #1:

"God, I Trust You"

- Trust God even when His plan involves waiting, difficulty, or suffering
- Trust grows when God's work does not align with personal desires

God's Transforming Work

God's power enables believers to:

- Live with humility and unity ([Ephesians 4:1-6](#))
- Use spiritual gifts for the body of Christ ([Ephesians 4:7-16](#))

- Walk in new life in Christ ([Ephesians 4:17–24](#))
- Speak in God-honoring ways ([Ephesians 4:25–29](#))
- Live with kindness, forgiveness, and love ([Ephesians 4:30–32](#))

Bold Prayer #2:

“God, Change Me”

- God’s power brings real transformation
- Change is possible through Christ
- God works in sanctification, restoration, and spiritual growth

Bold Prayer #3:

“God, Use My Life for Your Glory”

- The ultimate goal of prayer is God’s glory
- God is glorified through the church and through Jesus Christ
- Our lives are meant to point others to Christ

Key Scripture:

- [Ephesians 3:21](#)