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IMMEASURABLY MORE

EPHESIANS 3:14 – 21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

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¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

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that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON IN A SENTENCE

Knowing God's power in us and living for His glory sets us on the pathway of generous giving.

KNOWING – QUICK REVIEW

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He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

–2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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GOD'S GLORY

Glory = majesty, brilliance, weight or heaviness in significance

**When Moses came down from Mount Sinai...
he did not know that the skin of his face shone
because he had been talking with God.**

–Exodus 34:29

GOD'S GLORY

Jesus prayed, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all humanity to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

–John 17:1-2

GOD'S GLORY

How does giving glorify God?

- Gospel preached
- Poor helped
- Children brought to Jesus
- Community Served

GOD'S GLORY – TRANSFORMATION

For they gave according to their means, and beyond their means, of their own free will, begging us for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints... they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

– 2 Corinthians 8:3-5

GOD'S GLORY – TRANSFORMATION

I give to many things...
food, clothing,
entertainment,
transportation,
mortgage, insurance...
**Most are necessities,
none transforming**



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