## **A Power Filled Prayer**

Ephesians 3:14-21 February 26, 2017 Pastor Gary Hollinger

## 3 Reasons why God does not say "Yes" to our prayers:

- a. We are out of <u>fellowship</u> with Him because of <u>sin</u>. (Ps. 66:18; Isa.1:15, 59:2, 2 Chron. 7:14)
- b. We <u>doubt</u> God's <u>willingness</u> or <u>ability</u> to answer. (Mt. 21:21-22; Mk. 11:22-24; Jas. 1:6-7)
- c. We are not praying in <u>alignment</u> with <u>God's will</u>. (2 Sam. 12:16; Jn. 15:7-8; 1 Jn.3:21-22, 5:14-15)

We can have the confidence to pray audacious prayers when we know that they are aligned with God's will.

Spiritual growth and health are always part of God's will.

(2 Pet. 3:9, 3:18)

au·da·cious [aw-dey-shuhs] adjective
1. extremely bold or daring; recklessly brave; fearless

Because our Father in Heaven loves to give good gifts to His children who ask Him, we ought to boldly ask for <u>audacious outcomes</u>.

1) Paul prays for people to experience an <u>Indwelling</u>

<u>Power</u> (v. 14-17a) (Mark 12:24; Luke 24:49: 1 Cor.
2:4-5; Eph. 6:10)

2) Paul prays for people to understand an <a href="Incomprehensible Love.">Incomprehensible Love.</a> (v. 17b-19a) (Eph. 2:4-5, Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1Tim. 1:15-16; Jn. 15:13-16, 6:28-29)

3) Paul prays an audacious petition for <u>Incredible</u>
<u>fullness</u> (v. 19b)(Mt. 5:6; 2 Cor. 4:6-7; Rom. 15:13;
Acts 4:31)

The Doxology: (hymn of praise) (v. 20-21)

God is able to do more exceedingly more exceedingly abundantly more than all we ask or imagine.