

**April 23, 2017**  
**Underestimating God's Power**  
Ephesians 3:20,21

**God's Power is I\_\_\_\_\_**

- What is God able to do according to this verse?
  1. A great deal a\_\_\_\_\_ all we could ask or think
    - a. The prefix “hyper” is attached to the word  
(we do this to our words such as hyperactive, hyperventilating )
    - b. A second prefix “hyper” is attached to the prefix!
  2. Therefore, God's power is not just abundant, or just superabundant, but \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ abundant = infinite.
  
- Do you ask God to exercise His power? How often?
  1. John 15:7 gives a conditional promise of God exercising His power according to what we w\_\_\_\_\_
    - a. If we \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus
    - b. If Jesus's words \_\_\_\_\_ in us
    - c. Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_!
  2. What if God's power was limited according to what you or I asked? What would things look like?
    - a. Sometimes God w\_\_\_\_\_ for us to ask before He acts (James 4:2)
      - 1) He gave Solomon w\_\_\_\_\_ because He asked (I Kgs 3:7-12)
      - 2) He gave Hezekiah 15 more \_\_\_\_\_ of life because he asked (I Kgs 20:1-6)
      - 3) God gave Samson superhuman \_\_\_\_\_ because he asked (Jdg 16:28-30)
    - b. Sometimes He acts without our asking
      - 1) Provided for the people of Israel in their 40 years in the wilderness – their clothing and s\_\_\_\_\_ would not wear out.
      - 2) What has God provided for you?
  3. Thank God that He does infinitely above what we ask or think!

## God's Power is A\_\_\_\_\_ in You.

- According to the **power that works** \_\_\_\_\_ us.
  - a. Power – translates a Greek word where we get our word d\_\_\_\_\_ (explosive!)
  - b. Works – translates a Greek word where we get our word e\_\_\_\_\_ (energizing! – see Col 1:29)
- How was God's power worked in the apostle Paul? –  
2 Cor 12:9,10 – power is perfected in w\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The weakness = insults, persecutions, difficulties for Christ's s\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God does not bypass a human vessel to demonstrate His power and to accomplish His p\_\_\_\_\_.
- What has God told us:
  1. That directly relates to His power? Jesus said in Matt 5:14 we are l\_\_\_\_\_ to the world
  2. That we must do because of who we are? Jesus said in Matt 5:16 that we must let that light shine by doing g\_\_\_\_\_ works = God's will.
    - a. God gives us the d\_\_\_\_\_ – Phil 2:13a
    - b. God gives us the p\_\_\_\_\_ – Phil 2:13b
  3. That His plan is for the church? – Eph 3:20 – to be g\_\_\_\_\_ (this is done when we remember who we are and why we are here).

### Conclusion:

- In light of God's word what will you and I ask individually and as a church? (let's brainstorm)
- In light of God's word what can we expect? (God will do infinitely a\_\_\_\_\_ what we ask or think!)
- In light of God's word, what will be the result? (God will be g\_\_\_\_\_ for an eternity).