



## We Are Being Rooted and Grounded

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Life Change: We are firmly established

Ephesians 3:14-21

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Successful gardening is greatly about what the plant is rooted in

**The “Gardener”**  
Father

Who’s your Daddy?

The Spirit

What are you looking at?

Christ

**The “Gardener”**  
How is your roommate situation?

The One who is able to do above and beyond

How able is your God?

**The Rich Soil**  
We can be rooted and firmly established in love

Are you rooting deeper in love?

**The Fantastic Produce**  
We comprehend the incomprehensible

We are filled to the fullness of God

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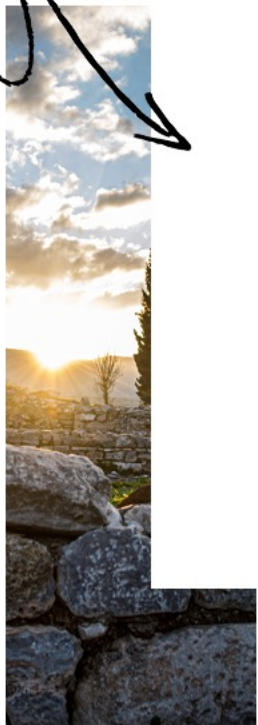


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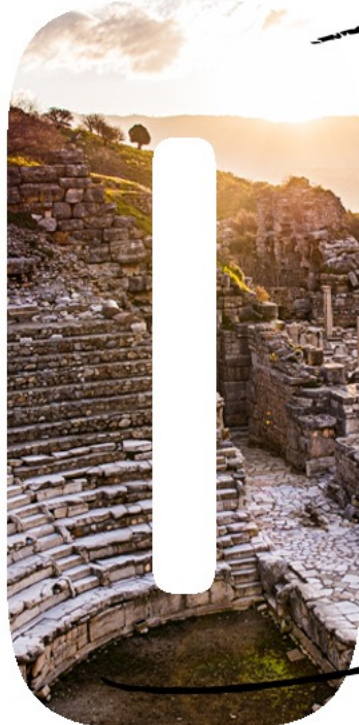


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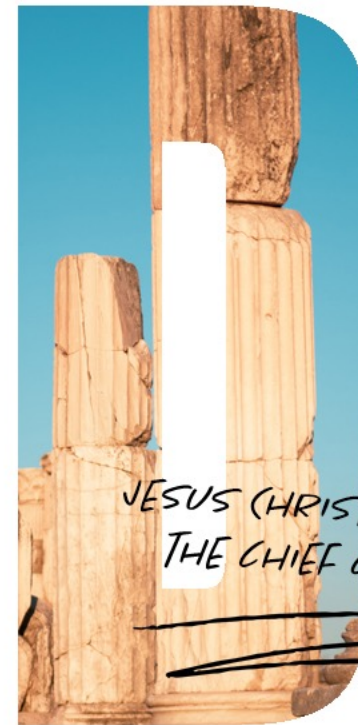
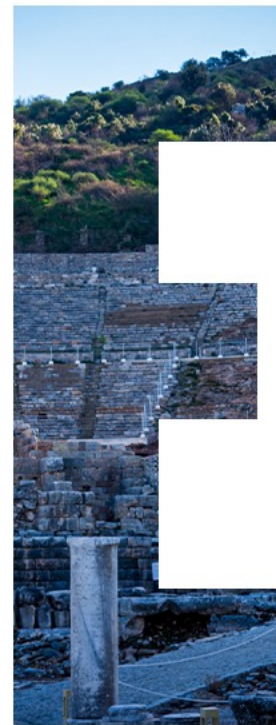
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**healthy Cedar  
of Lebanon  
*Cedrus libani***



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**Cedrus libani  
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**Cedrus libani  
in rich soil**



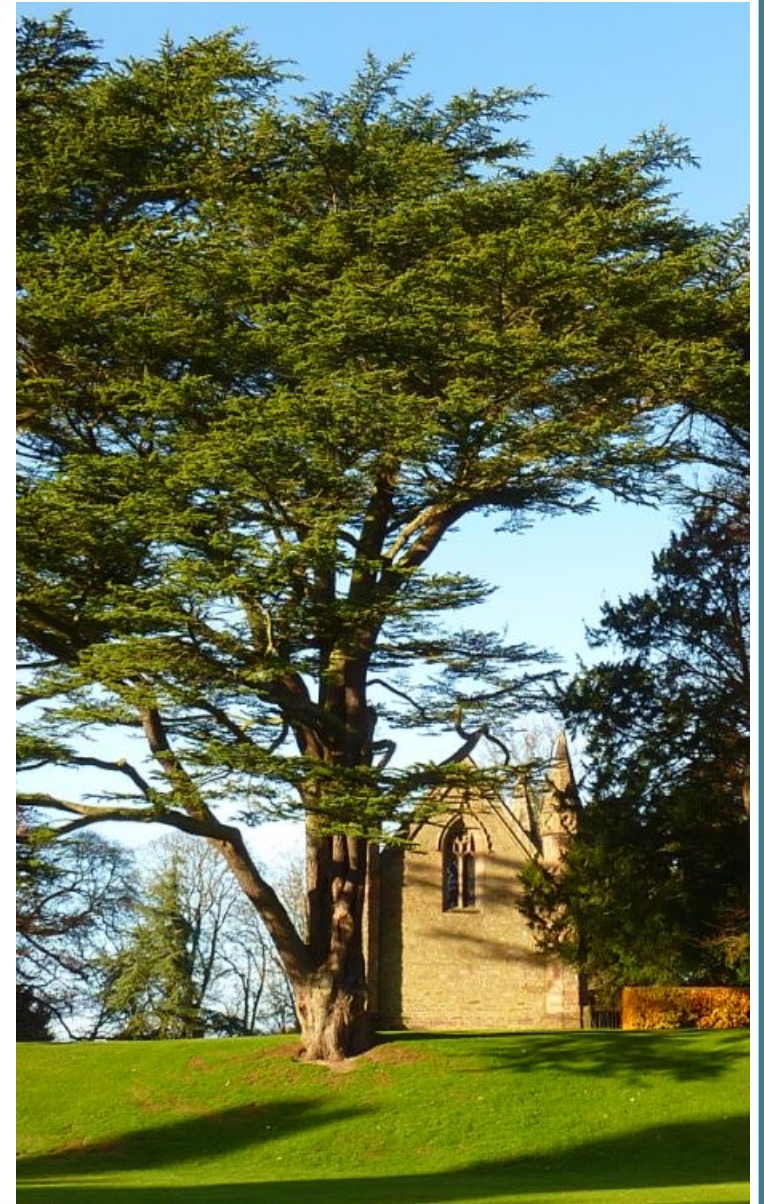


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**Psalm 92 CSB**





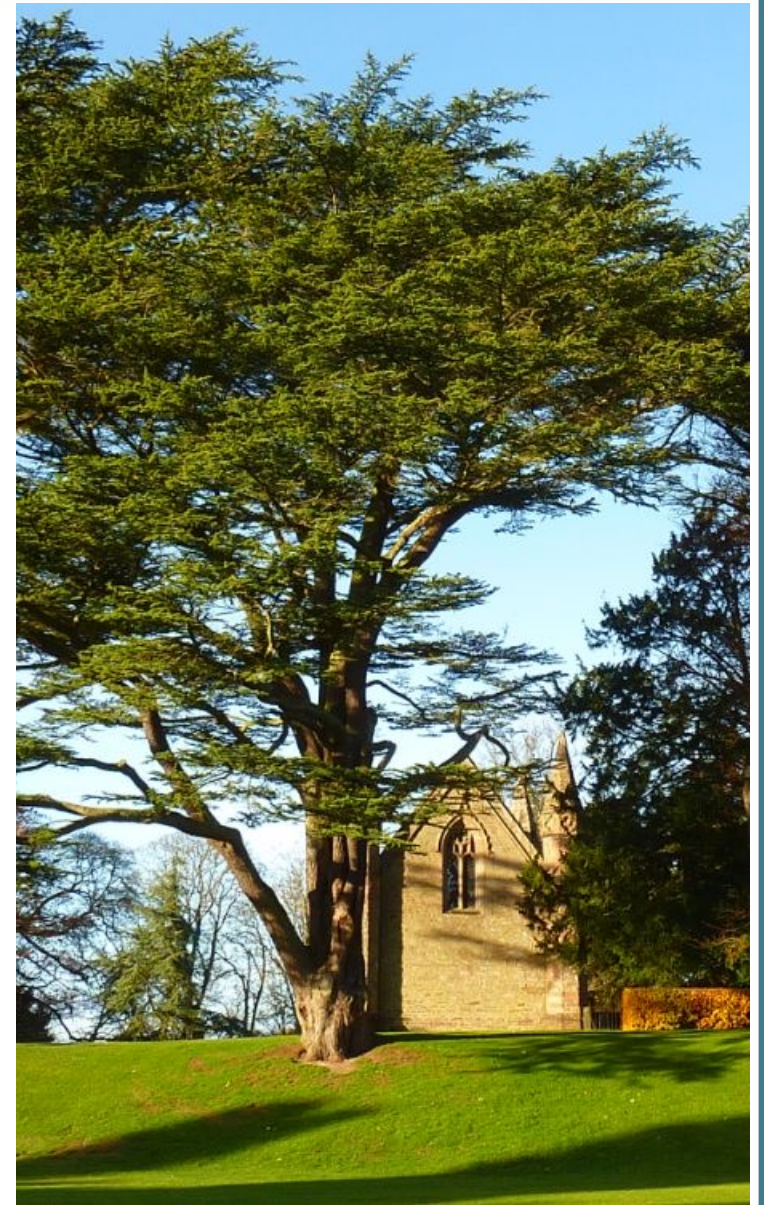
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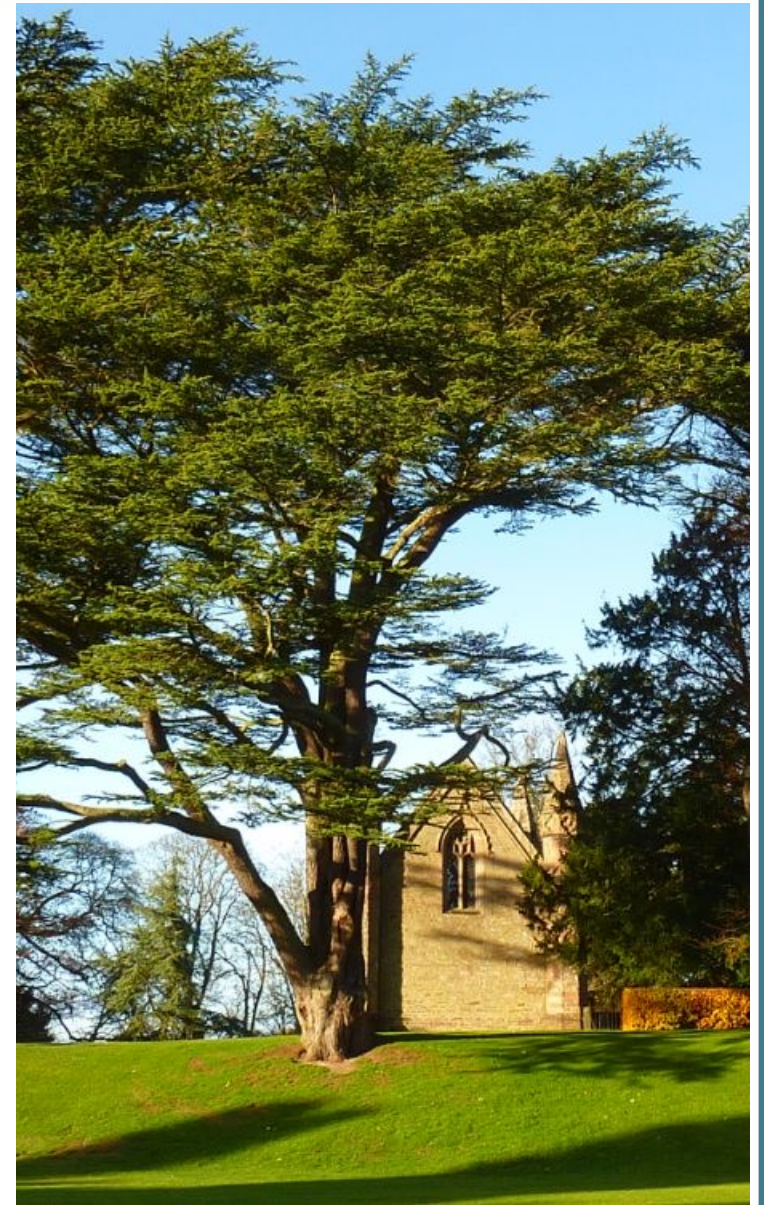
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**Godly fruitfulness is centered on where  
one is rooted. “House” shows personal  
relationship; “courts” depicts community.**





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**Ephesians 3 CSB**

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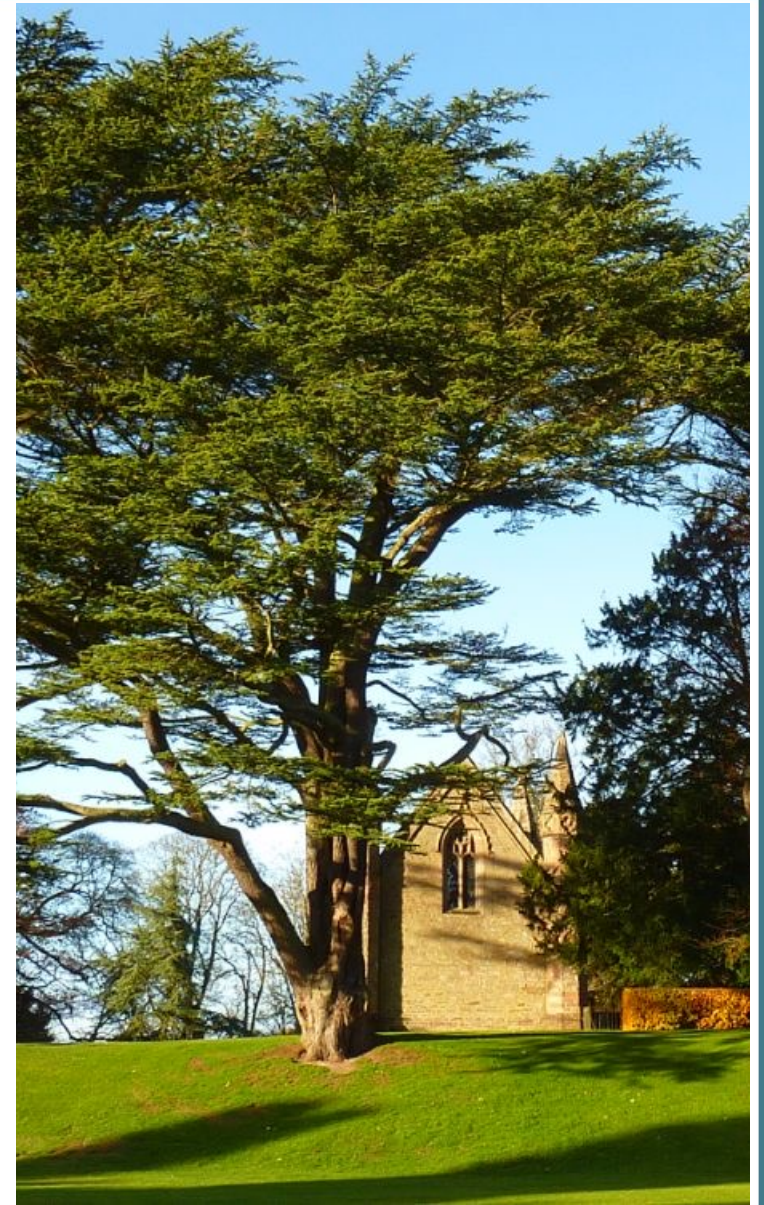


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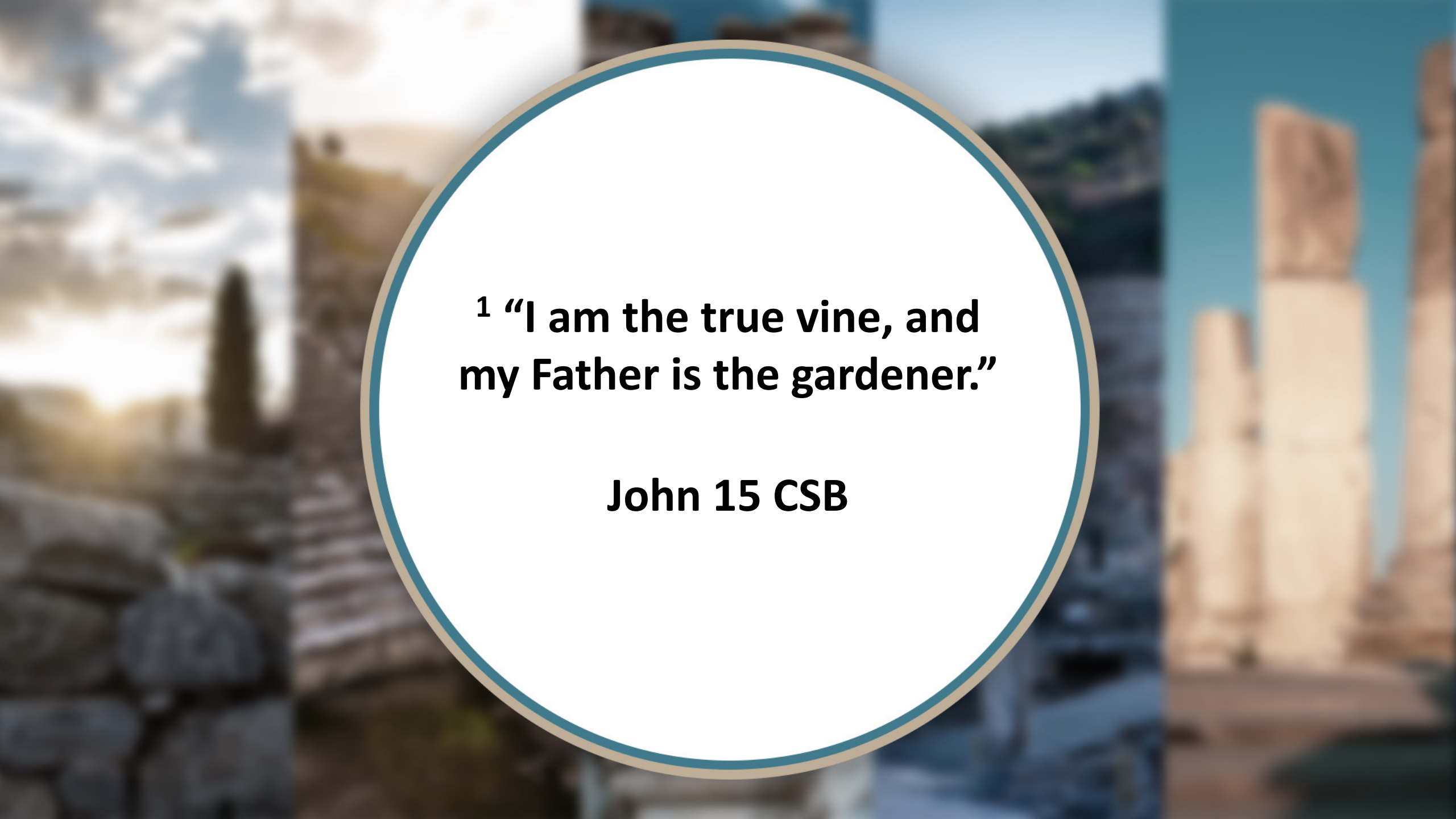


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**When I look at plants...I am [reminded] of the tremendous capacity for God to work and transform and mold us. We need to be responsive to that.**

**– Vernon Peters, in *God Speaks Science*  
by John van Sloten**





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**Ephesians 3 CSB**





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**<sup>7</sup> As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?... <sup>9</sup> Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits...so that we might share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.**

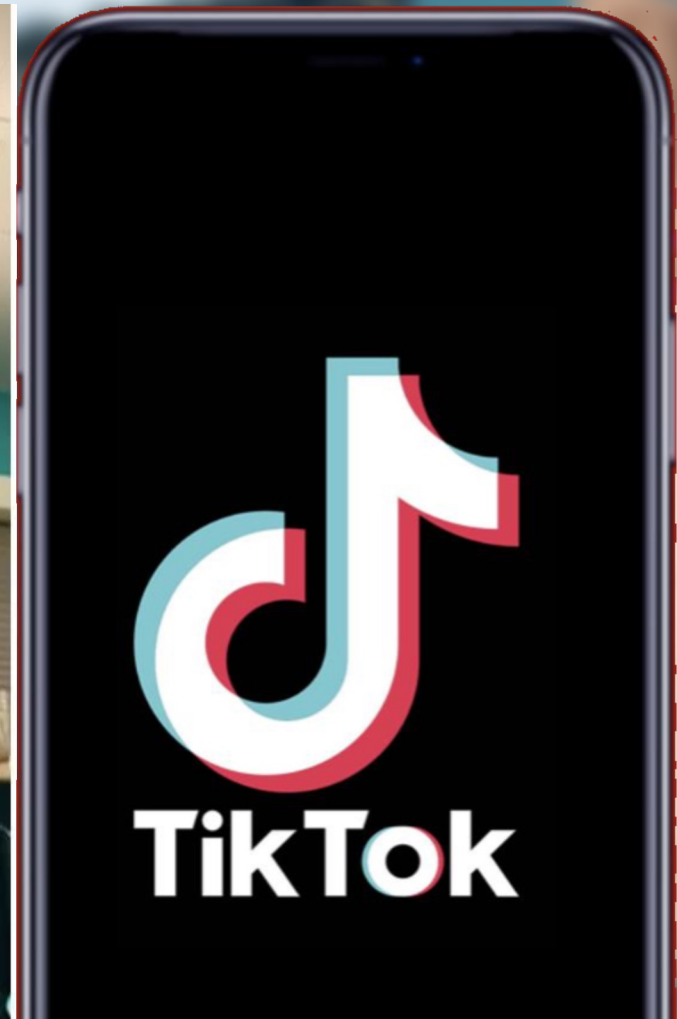
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**<sup>16</sup> that He would grant you,  
according to the riches of  
His glory, to be  
strengthened with might  
through His Spirit in the  
inner man**

**Ephesians 3 NKJV**





**7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature...For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”**

**1 Samuel 16 ESV**





**yelling**



**praying**



**2" thick submersible  
filled with pressure**



**12" thick submersible  
without internal pressure**

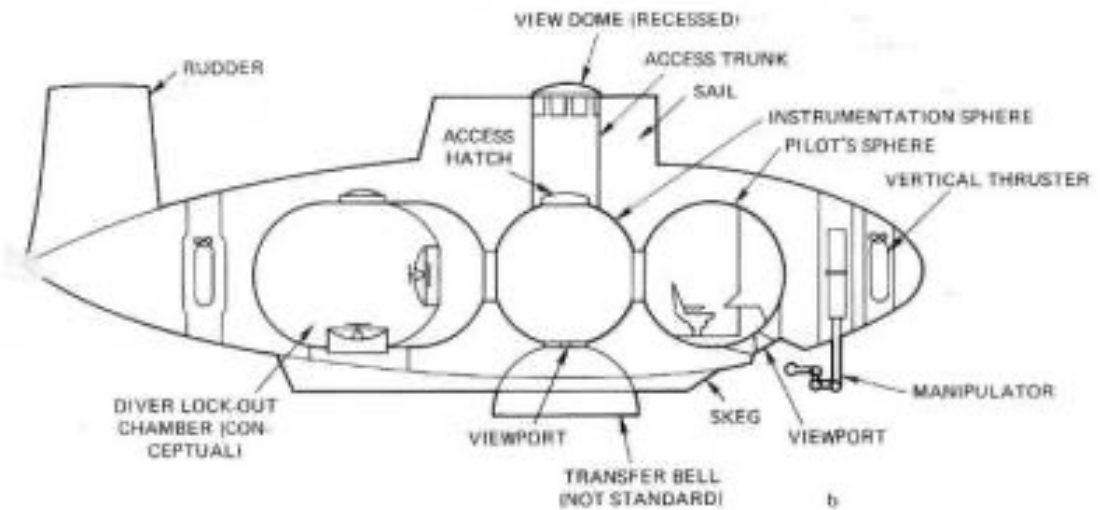


Fig. 2.4 b) Schematic of DEEP QUEST as designed with potential diver lock out compartment and transfer bell. [LMSC]



**murdering**



**hugging**



**saying “no” while  
walking in the Spirit**



**saying “yes” to any request  
according to the flesh**





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**Ephesians 3 CSB**



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**<sup>1</sup> What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have observed and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup> that life was revealed, and we have seen it and we testify and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup> what we have seen and heard we also declare to you, so that you may also have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.**

**1 John 1 CSB**

## Ephesians 3 CSB

**<sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love**

**Believe that which is true and evident: everyone is a sinner, period. Yet those who believe in Jesus receive the promise of life where God dwells in you through faith.**



**<sup>22</sup> But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin's power, so that the promise might be given on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ to those who believe.**

**Galatians 3 CSB**

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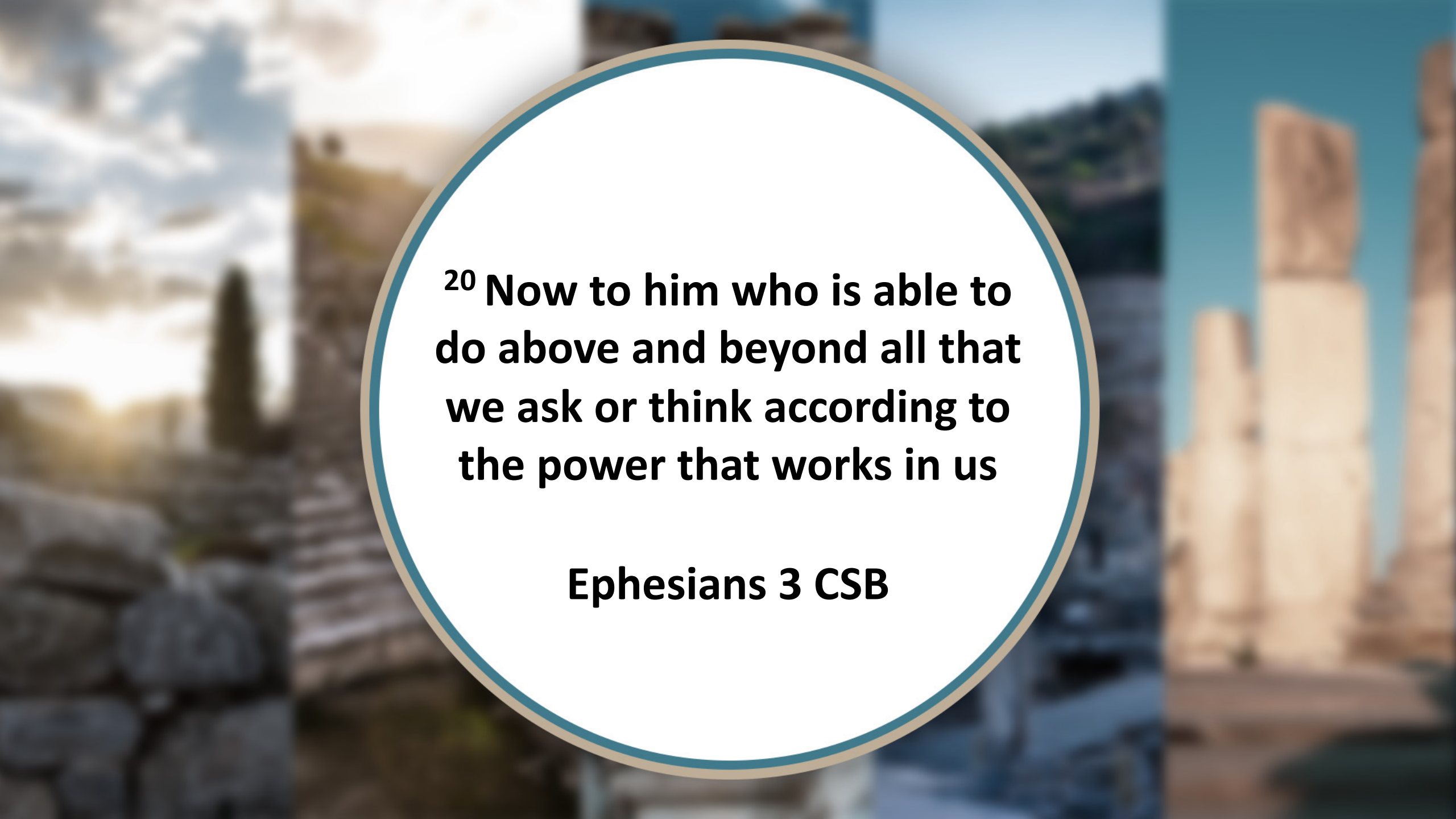


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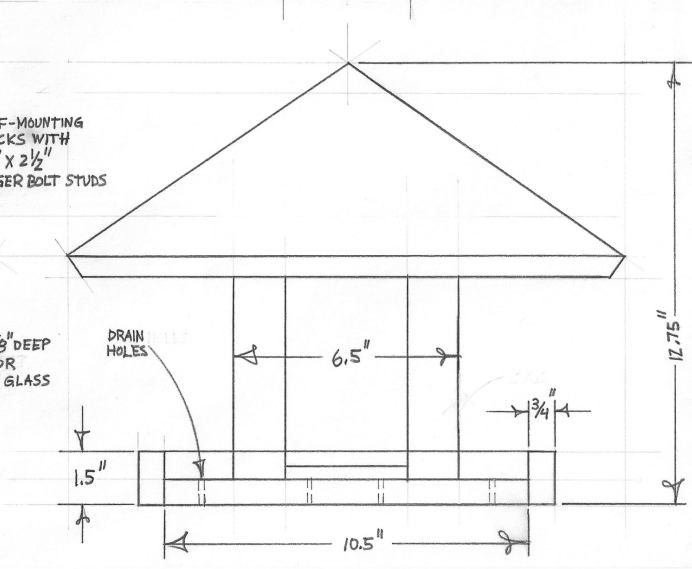
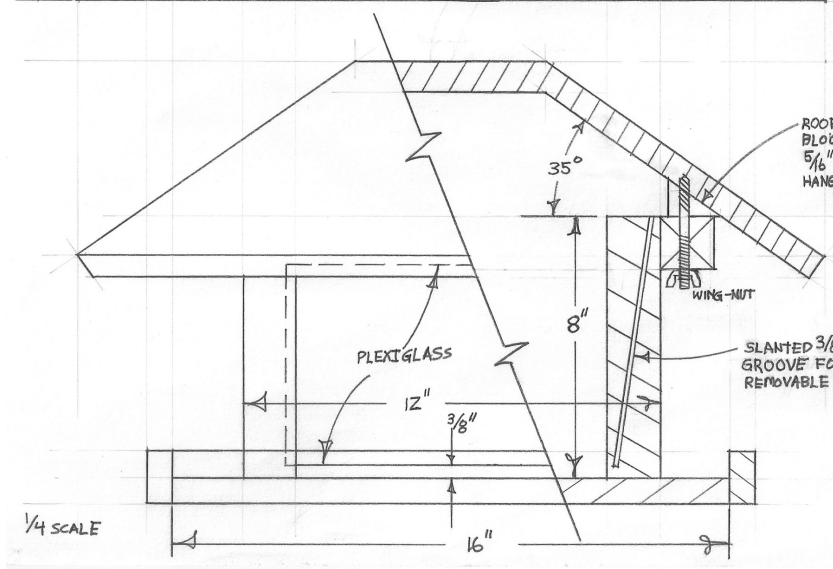
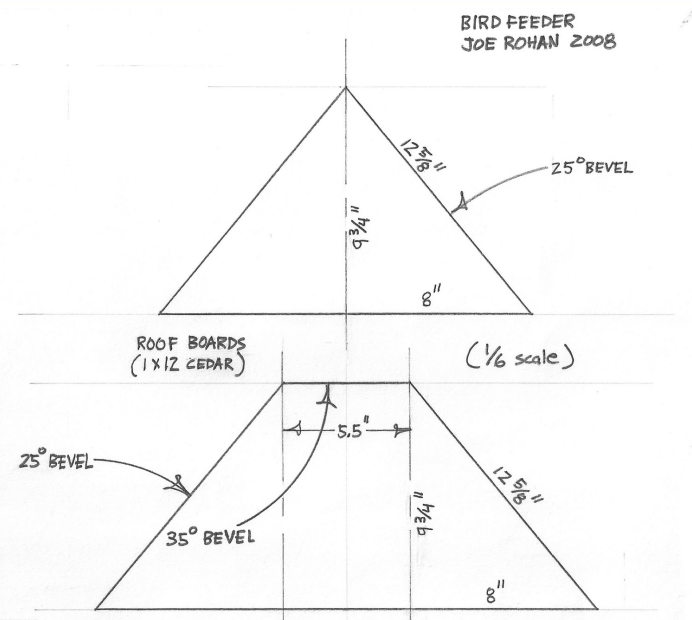
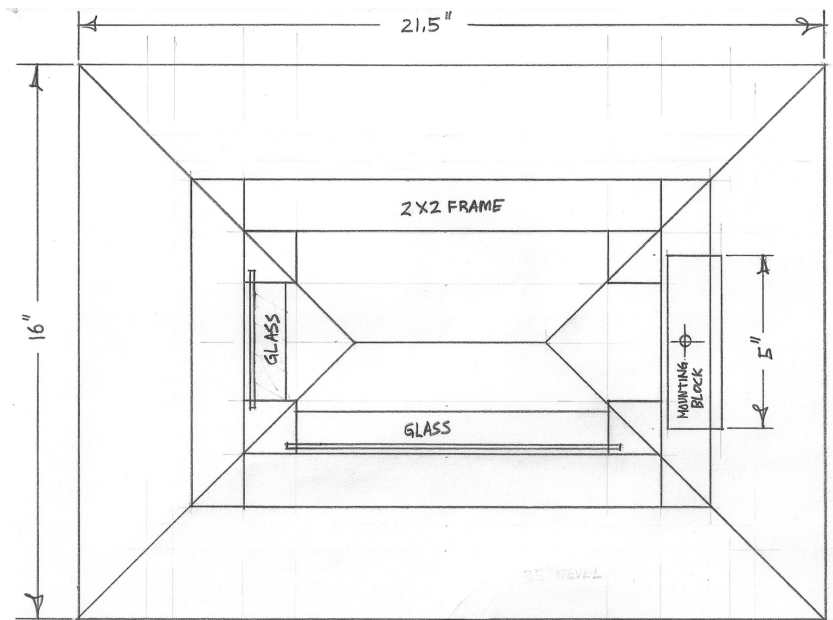
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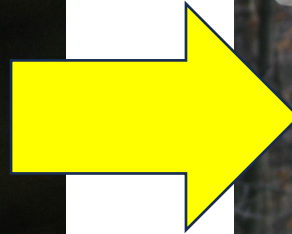


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**Ephesians 3 CSB**



**Buxus  
sempervirens**



courtesy thespruce





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## **Buxus sempervirens dying in poor soil**



## **Buxus sempervirens in good soil**





**Buxus sempervirens  
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**Great knowledge acquisition  
will lead me to fullness.**

**My activities will bring  
fullness to my life.**

**Hard work will cause  
fulfillment.**

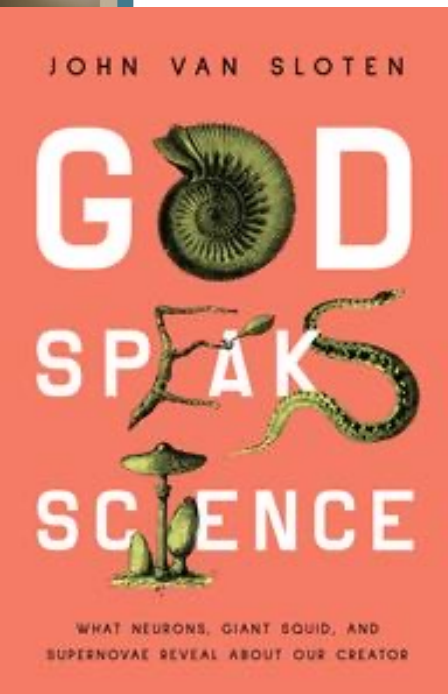


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In John 15, Christ identifies Himself as the [source] for bearing fruit in our lives. The metaphor is instructive if we let our minds turn to plant and soil relationships. Mutualistic fungi called mycorrhizae not only increase the absorptive area of plant root hairs a hundred-fold, but facilitate the exchange of water and nutrients, for plant sugars. They surround individual cells of their host, even penetrate them, accelerating the exchange. “If a man remains in me, and I remain in him, he will bear much fruit.”

– Vernon Peters, in *God Speaks Science*  
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*Wonder Within*  
**Brian Chan**  
**2-15**

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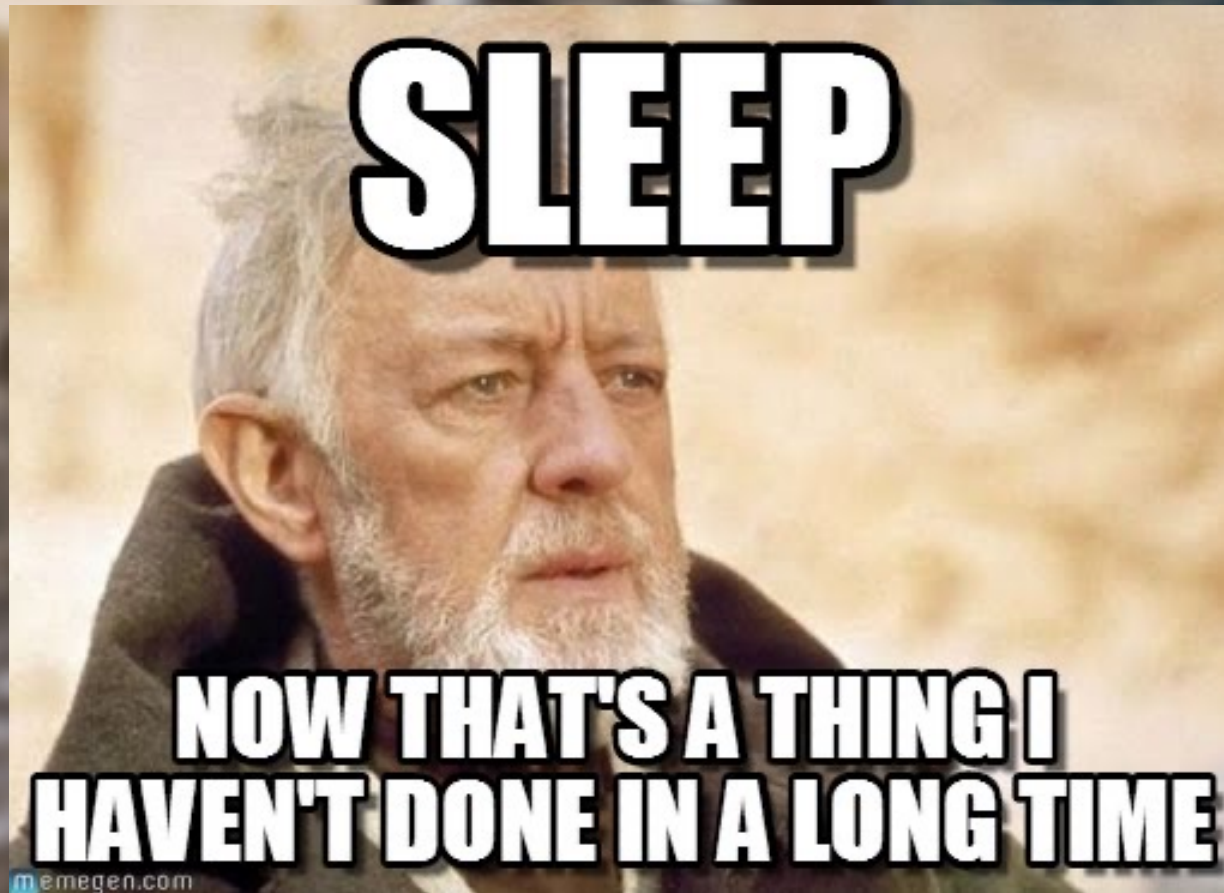


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**Wayne, I wanted to drop you a quick note to share with you just how excited I am about what God has planned for us to hear on Ephesians 3:14–19...I am floored by what Paul was audaciously asking God for. To be “rooted and grounded in love?” To comprehend what is the “breadth and length and height and depth” of the love of Christ? Can we ask for that? Can we experience such a thing?**



**I want that. More than anything else in this miserable world I want that. [In a different context, I feel that this is a stunningly remarkable world, one that I am thankful for God letting me share with some stunningly remarkable people. Put in the context of “the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge,” however; well...this shabby place is in serious need of improvement.] I want my kids and my wife and my family and my friends and my church to be rooted and grounded in love.**



**Therefore, I pray this prayer for my people. All the time. I change the pronouns to make it a prayer for them. I want them to know God like this more than anything this world has to offer because being a Monroe is not enough. Being a member of Frisco Bible is not enough. Speaking in the tongues of men or of angels is not enough. So, I beg God to grant my kids, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith!**

**Love, Matt**





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**Ephesians 3 CSB**

**Ephesians 3 proclaims that we can know some things that formerly seemed incomprehensible. We can:**

- Enjoy our brethren, the other saints – an eternal relationship unimaginable outside of God’s church.**
- Learn about God’s power at work in our souls – a source no natural human can grasp.**
- Be filled with God’s fulness, His love – an intimate blessing meant to overflow to others.**
- Understand what brings God glory – the loving unity of His church.**





# Story Time





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**“Wait – that should be holy, holy, holy,” I said.**

**“No Daddy, it’s hold me, hold me, hold me. Lord God almighty.”**

**Over the next few miles, I learned a powerful lesson: *You never win an argument with a three-year-old.***

## Holy, Holy, Holy

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Music: John B. Dykes  
arr. Andrew Hsu

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**Yes, our God is the God who is holy, holy, holy. The angels Isaiah saw swirling throughout the throne room of heaven continually proclaim God's holiness. (See Isaiah 6.) But our God is also the God who was willing to come to earth, reach out, and hold me, hold me, hold me. Jesus, the visible manifestation of the invisible God, is the one of whom Mark writes, "And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them." (Mark 10:16)**

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**We err when we revere God as holy, holy, holy and forget that He wants to hold me, hold me, hold me. And we err when we relate to God enjoying His desire to hold me, hold me, hold me, and disregard the truth that He is holy, holy, holy. Aligning God's holiness with His love is challenging. Maybe we overthink it. Maybe it is clear only in the eyes of a three-year-old. – Dan Bolin, *October Storm***



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**Ephesians 3 CSB**





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**Ephesians 3 CSB**





***Premise:* People who know who they are and how deeply God loves them live changed lives. The congregation of Frisco Bible Church needs to understand just who we really are as the body of Christ and how deeply we are loved. Such understanding will surely lead to transformative joy expressed in unity and love.**

**The theology of chapters 1-3 focuses upon the need for the Ephesians to increase in their awareness of God's love so that they will imitate it to God's glory. – David Malick**



***Objective:***  
**We recognize just how deeply  
and richly we are blessed  
in Christ and respond  
by glorifying God.**





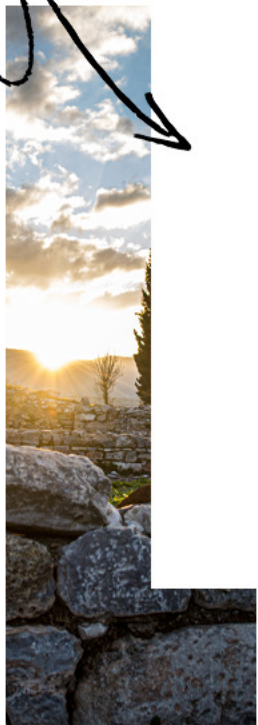
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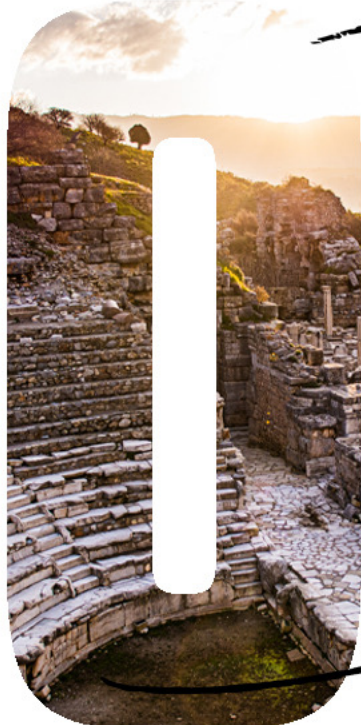
**abide in Jesus  
love One another  
bear fruit, Y'all!**



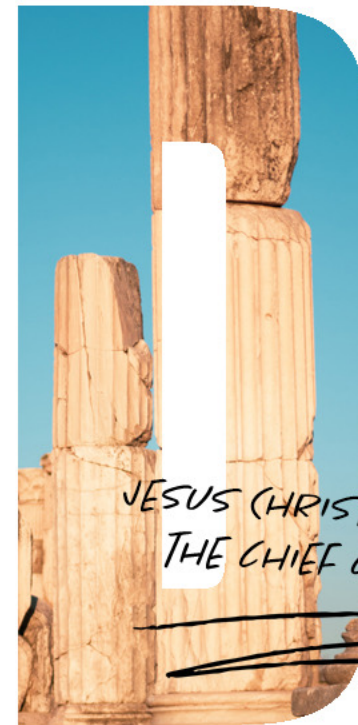
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