

LIVE IN SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

Eph. 3:14-21

SERMON SUMMARY:

Years ago, a nationwide study showed that many people believe God wants them to try to be good, moral people, and that God is generally uninvolved in people's lives except for emergencies he might help. Researchers call this "moralistic therapeutic deism." But the Apostle Paul instructs disciples of Jesus to live daily in God's spiritual strength.

SERMON OUTLINE:

The Lie of 911 Christianity

We can be spiritually strong apart from God.

Our Source of Spiritual Strength

Spiritual strength starts with reverent prayer.

Spiritual strength comes from the Triune God.

Spiritual strength is rooted in God's love.

Application

Embrace your weakness and His strength.

Be patient as your roots grow.

Practice bold prayer.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- Why do you think people believe in moralistic therapeutic deism?
- What results if we treat God like an emergency hotline rather than a relationship?
- Of Paul's lessons on our source of spiritual strength, which one do you need to focus on?
- What does it look like to embrace your weakness? And why is that important?
- Talk about patience for the purpose of your roots growing? Does that make patience easier?
- What bold prayers does God want you to pray?