

LIVE IN HIS POWER

Eph. 1:15-23

SERMON SUMMARY:

There are times in our lives when we experience stagnation, discouragement, and hopelessness. As Christians, we might want to move past or out of these phases but don't know how. In our passage today, Paul's heartfelt prayer will be a guiding light for us who need to be shown the path forward.

SERMON OUTLINE:

The Purpose of Paul's Prayer

Paul's prayer asks that God would continue to work in, encourage, and grant power to the Christians in Ephesus.

How We Grow

The Holy Spirit produces maturity when we are dependent on Him.

God isn't our firefighter, therapist, or emergency contact, he is our Source.

God has the power to sustain you, transform you, and give you hope no matter your circumstances.

Take A Step

Practice prayer.

Choose hope.

Remember Jesus.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- Tell a story about a time in your life when you took big steps of faith.
- Why does God seem to use trials to form us?
- Why is dependency on God foundational to spiritual growth?
- Have you functioned as though God is your therapist rather than your Source?
- How can you practice prayer this week?
- What does it look like to choose hope even when you don't feel it?
- How will remembering Jesus is on the throne change your outlook on life?