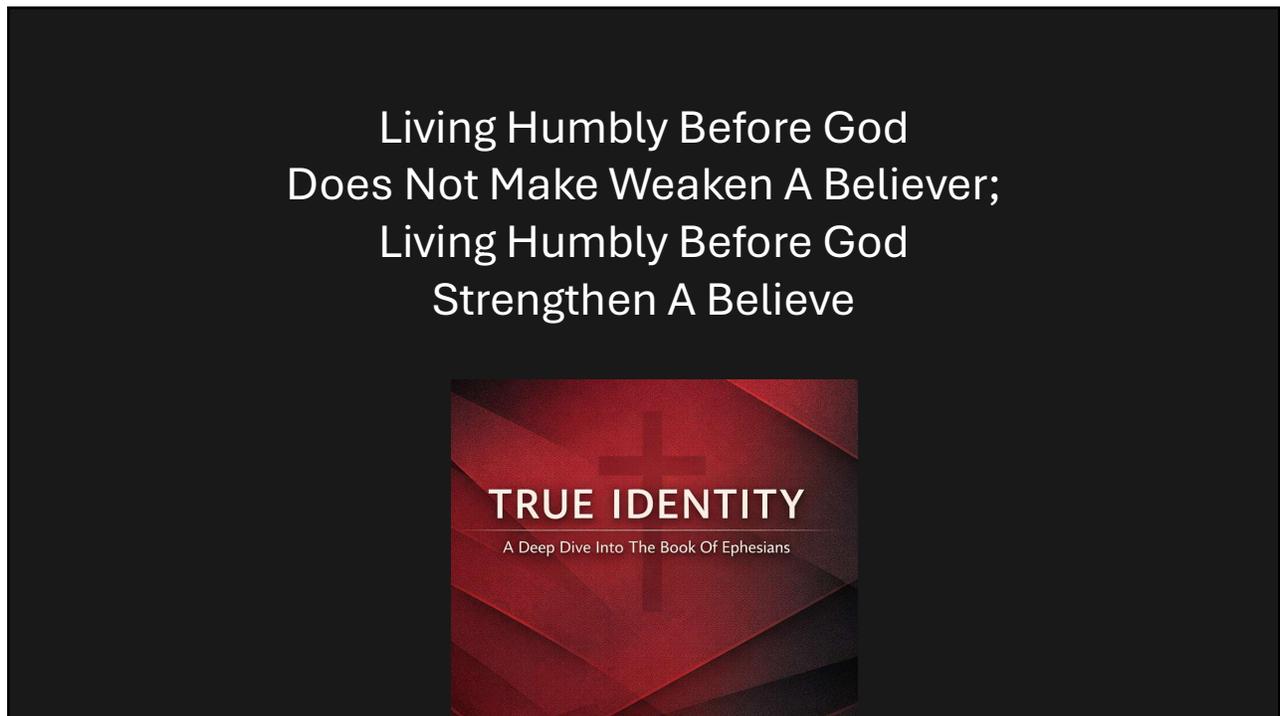


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Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Ephesians 3:14–21

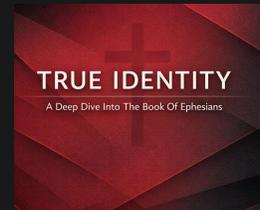
Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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FATHER vs. 14-16

Prayer During Suffering (vs. 11-13)

- Encouragement and strengthen
- Endurance for church
- Comfort and compassion



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FATHER vs. 14-16

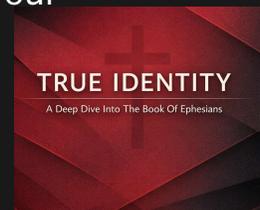
Prayer During Suffering (vs. 11-13)

Recognize

- Posture before God
 - Bowing
 - Humility

1 Peter 5:6–7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



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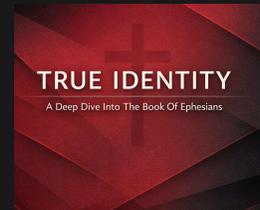
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Recognize

- Posture before God
 - Bowing
 - Humility (1 Peter 5:6–7)

James 4:10

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



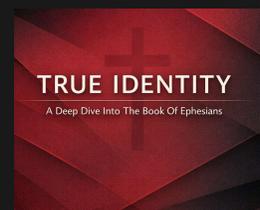
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FATHER vs. 14-16

Prayer During Suffering (vs. 11-13)

Recognize

- Posture before God
- Our Father
 - Ultimate love
 - Adoption
 - Character demonstrated



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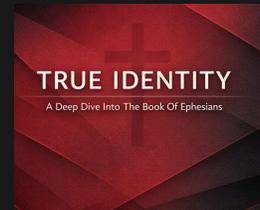
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Prayer During Suffering (vs. 11-13)

Recognize

Family = The Church

- Past, present, and future
- Unity of the family anchored in salvation



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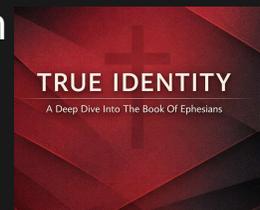
Prayer During Suffering (vs. 11-13)

Recognize

Family = The Church

Blessings

- God is able – riches of His glory
- God is willing – grants strength
- God is present – His Spirit
- God is peace – in the middle of persecution

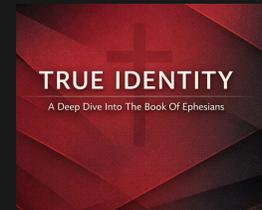


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FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

- Christ dwell
 - Living out Christ example
 - In hearts, not merely religious ritual
 - Continual transformation

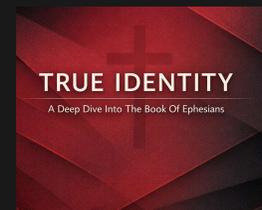


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FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

- Christ dwell
- Rooted (planted) and grounded (foundationally)
 - In love
 - God's love for the church
 - The church's love for God
 - The church's love for others
 - Demonstrated by God's love



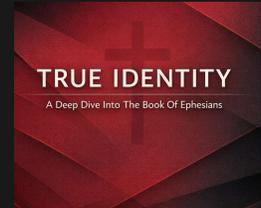
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FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

On Going Continues Strengthening

- Reassurance from God
- Reassurance through the church



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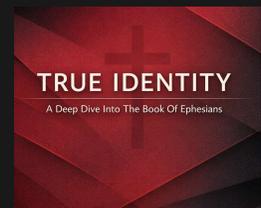
FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

On Going Continues Strengthening

On Going Continuing Comprehending

- Growth in faith... personal faith
- Growth in faith... working together of the church



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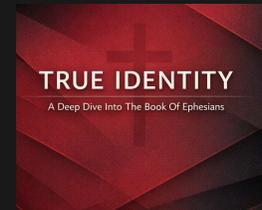
For Believers

On Going Continues Strengthening

On Going Continuing Comprehending

On Going Continuing Knowledge Of Christ Love

- Unsearchable riches (vs. 8)
- Incredible reach of Christ love
- Incredible height and depth



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Romans 8:31–39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

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Romans 8:31–39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

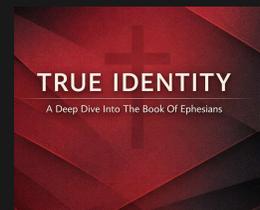
On Going Continues Strengthening

On Going Continuing Comprehending

On Going Continuing Knowledge Of Christ Love

On Going Continuing Presence Of God

- Knowledge of God through presence
- Fullness of God through presence



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FAITHFULLY vs. 17-19

For Believers

On Going Continues Strengthening

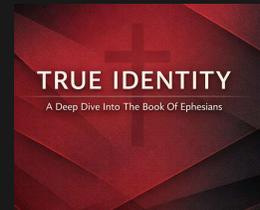
On Going Continuing Comprehending

On Going Continuing Knowledge Of Christ Love

On Going Continuing Presence Of God

Available For All Believers And The Church

- Growing in the knowledge of God's character
- Growing in the knowledge of God's love

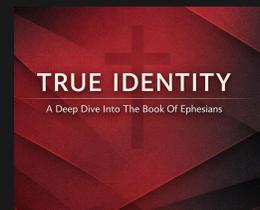


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FOUNDATION vs. 20-21

Our Source

- God is able
- Not just a little able, but abundantly more
- More than we can ever ask or think



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Isaiah 55:6–9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
 call upon him while he is near;
 let the wicked forsake his way,
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

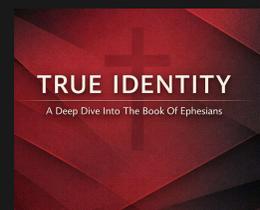
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FOUNDATION vs. 20-21

Our Source

His Power

- Working within us
- Ongoing continual work of the Holy Spirit in believers



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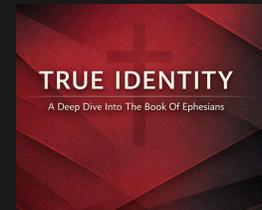
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Our Source

His Power

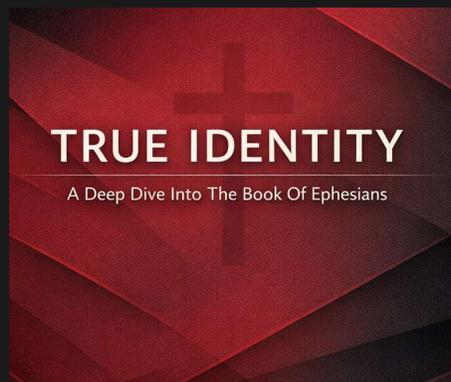
His Glory

- In the church
- In personal relationship in Christ Jesus
- All generations



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Living With God's Power Or Living With Self Power



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