

Rooted For Community

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God's Kingdom will reign	, and we can be a part of it
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²⁰Now 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, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ephesians 4:1-7 ESV

God's plan involves all of us working _	so we may
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¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Ephesians 4:11-14 ESV

So that we are a people who...

- Are humble, gentle, & patient (v.2)
- Work for unity (v.3)
- Speak truth in love (v.15)
- Don't check out (vv. 16, 28)
- Clean up messes (vv.26-27)

- Don't use people (v. 28)
- Speak helpfully (v. 29)
- Are kind and experience kindness (v. 32)
- Are tenderhearted & experience compassion (v. 32)
- Forgive and experience forgiveness (vv. 26, 32)







Memory Verse

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called Ephesians 4:1 ESV

My next step today is to...

- o Memorize Ephesians 4:1
- o Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- o Join a service team
- o Attend the next START HERE experience
- o Take a next step on the membership pathway

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Additional Notes:	