

# Making Prayer Fun

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C. Elijah Bronner: Well, thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com and Facebook Live. Thank you for tuning in and streaming service today and joining us, always a wonderful delight to have you to join us.

Well, I'd like to share just a little humor. This elderly couple, they were in their 90s and so, they were at home and the wife asked her husband. She said, "Can you go into the kitchen and fix me a bowl of ice cream?" And he says, "Sure". She says, "Shouldn't you write that down?" And she'd say, "You know how your memory is." He said, "I don't need to write it down", he said "I got it, a bowl of ice cream." And she said, "Well, add me some strawberries". He said, "Okay." She said "Don't you need to write that down?" He said "I got it, ice cream with strawberries". And she said, "Oh, add me some whipped cream on it as well and you definitely need to write it." He said, "No, I don't need to write it down. I got an ice cream, strawberries and whipped cream.". And he went on into the kitchen and he fumbled around for about 20 minutes and he came back out and he brought her a plate of waffles and bacon. And she said, "You forgot my eggs." I thought I did pretty good, some stuff when they're able to read, but yeah.

Well, we've been sharing Paul's prayers and this is part 3. Paul's prayers, this is part 3. We've been sharing some of the prayers that he prayed in the book of Ephesians and also, he prayed one in the book of Colossians and so, we've been going through those line upon line and precept upon precept. And just gleaning from them, some very powerful New Testament prayers that we can

incorporate into our prayer lives that we can pray for one another and we can pray for ourselves.

So, we will pick up where we left off. We actually finished the book of Ephesians. We finished the prayers that are in Ephesians, Chapter One. Ephesians, Chapter One, he prayed a portion of the prayer there. In Ephesians One, he prayed a prayer. So, we finished covering Chapter One. The prayer that is located in Chapter One.

And so the next part of the prayer is in Ephesians, Chapter 3. Ephesians, Chapter 3 and we will pick up with that portion of Paul's prayer, Ephesians, Chapter 3 and we will pick up with Verse 14. You can see that he begins with prayer, he in Verse 14. Ephesians, Chapter 3, Verse 14 and it reads, it says, "For these calls, I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Of whom the whole family in heaven and Earth is named, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." So, I just want to deal with that first portion, before we continue on through this prayer.

So, the first part of this prayer, he prays that God would grant us according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might, by His spirit in the inner man. That God would grant us according to the riches of his glory. So, he's talking about the rich treasury of God's glory which contains his grace, his mercy and his power. And so, he says, "According to the rich treasury of God's glory containing an unlimited supply of grace, unlimited supply of mercy, and unlimited supply of power, I pray that God will strengthen you with might by His spirit, by the Holy Spirit in your inner man".

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So the inner man, now that's your heart. That's referring to your heart or your spirit. That's the real you, the real you. Your body is not the real you. This is just simply the house you live in, while you're in the Earth. This is simply your vehicle. You're traveling through the Earth in this vehicle, but this is not the real you. You are on the inside. That's the real you. That's the part of you that's internal. That's the part of you that will live forever. That's the real you and it's interesting to know the real you has to discipline this outer shell that we live in. Because this outer shell, it doesn't want to do right. This outer shell has all kinds of problems and it doesn't want to do right. It wants to follow its own cravings and its own desire. But the real you, that's the man on the inside of

you that's recreated after Christ, Jesus. It recreated in the image of Christ, Jesus. That's the new man. That's man that's born again. That's the man that wants to follow God. That's the man that wants to do right and so that inner man is always having to struggle to wrestle with this outer man and so Paul prays, that God will strengthen you with might in your inner man. It's your inner man that needs to be strong. So, that he can win the fight dealing with his outer man. So we need a strong inner man. So, we need to be strong on the inside. You need to be stronger on the inside than you are on the outside.

And so, when you have a strong spirit, and this is why you need a strong spirit. You need a strong spirit primarily for four reasons. You need a strong spirit, so that you can carry out your assignment that God has for you in the Earth. And you need to be strong, so that you can carry out your assignment, so that you can do the task that God has for you. You also need to be strong, number two. You need to be strong so that you can resist temptation. You need to be strong in the inner man, so that you can resist temptation. Number three, you need to be strong on the inside, so that you can live godly. So that you can live godly, it takes inner strength. It takes strength in the spirit man to be able to live godly. That's number three; you need strength to live godly. And then number four, you need to be strong on the inside, so that you can endure and persevere tough times in life. We all have tough times in life, and if you're strong on the inside, if you're strong on the inside, that gives you the ability to endure and persevere through the challenges of everyday life. And so when you're strong on the inside, when you're fortified on the inside, you can stand up against the challenges of life, you can carry out your assignment, you can resist temptation, and you can also live a godly life. And so, Paul prays that we will be strengthened with might in the inner man by the Holy Spirit. Strengthen with might in the inner man, by the Holy Spirit.

Now, this prayer here for our strength and this is something that we can pray, "Father, strengthen me with might in my inner man by the Holy Spirit." Strengthen me with might in my inner man is something we can pray, as Paul prayed for us. And you would notice that this is a regular thing that runs throughout scripture. He also said in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, same thing which strengtheneth me." See, that's God's strengthening system there, God's strengthening power. I can do all things through Christ, which strengthening me.

So, he was getting extra strength from Christ, Jesus. He was allowing Christ's sufficiency and Christ's power to strengthen him and that's how he endured. In fact, the apostle Paul said on several occasions, he said, "I'd rather glory in my infirmity. I'd rather be weak because when I'm weak, then I am strong." He said, "I'd rather be weak, so that the power of Christ will rest on me." So whenever he would come to the end of himself in his own natural strength, he rejoices in that because he said, "Now I got help from the Holy Ghost. I got help that's not from my natural body, but I got help from the Holy Ghost."

And so he knew how to tap in and rely on God's strengthening power to come upon Him, when he would literally be weak in his flesh. And so, we have to be willing to allow Christ's power and sufficiency to sustain us, especially when we're facing challenges in life, you'd have to have the power of Christ. Don't just simply rely on your own strength. You need the power of Christ to be able to sustain you through all of life's challenges. So notice, he prays that God would strengthen you with might by the Holy Spirit in your inner man. Now, I'm going to have you to flip over into Colossians.

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Now, Colossians is where he prays the other part of this prayer and we're kind of coupling them together, but he prays the same line in the prayer in Colossians. Colossians, Chapter 1, and I'm tying them together because he's praying for strength here as well. Colossians, Chapter 1, look at Verse 11. Colossians, Chapter 1, this is just a couple of books over to the right. You will hit Colossians, Chapter 1, but Colossians, Chapter 1, Verse 11, notice what it says there. He is praying here that in Verse 11, he is praying that we would be strengthened with all might according to his glorious power onto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness.

Now, he is praying here that we would be strengthened with all might according to his glorious power onto all patience and long sufferings with joy. In other words, he is praying here that God would strengthen us with all might, so that we would be able to endure, not merely endure, but you do it with joy. If you don't lose your joy in the midst of test and trials, and situations, and challenges, then we would be able to stand, we would be able to

steadfast, we would be able to remain, we would be able to endure, persevere, continue. We can continue and continue. See, notice this, even when you are suffering, still you got to continue. There is still work to do. Even when you're hurting, there is still work to do. You still have to continue.

I remember doing a eulogy here from one of our dear members, elderly woman. Her grandchildren told me this, "When we will be at Grandma's house and she was ill, she would still find the strength to get up and cook for us." See, she was able to do it, that was strength coming on top of her strength and we would be able to not only last and persevere and endure hard times, but you'll still be able to have your joy. You'll still be able to have your joy, you see it takes God for you to be able to still have your joy, as you go through and endure and have that lasting power. To do it with joy, that's God's strength coming upon us, that's God's strength.

So notice this, strengthen with all might. Everybody say, "All might. Strengthen with all might". Now, let me give you a little lesson in Greek. Turn to your neighbor and say "He's going to give us a little Greek lesson, we're getting a little Greek" and turn and back and say, "It's all Greek to me." But check this out. The word strengthen, the word strengthen in the Greek is the word "Dunam Aho". Dunam Aho, "Dunam Aho" and that's the word "Strengthen" in the Greek, Dubam Aho. Everybody say, "Dunam Aho." Oh, your Greek is very good, your Greek is very good. Well in the Greek that means "to make strong". It means "to make strong", it means "to enable", it means "to strengthen", Dunam Aho.

Now, I'm continuing this Greek lesson, but in the Greek, there is a family of power words that has that same prefix, "Dun". That's the root prefix of a whole family of words in the Greek. You've heard perhaps the Greek word, "Dunamis". It means "The power of God". Jesus said, "I'll give you authority over all the power of the devil. "Dunamis", Dunamis is the power word, "Dunamis". There is a whole family, there's one that says, "Dunamai", that means "to be able", talking about ability, Dunamai. There is "Dunamis", that's "power". And most often, it refers to "supernatural power", Dunamis, supernatural power. There is "Dunamaho" that's the one I opened up with. That means "strengthen," that means strengthen.

So you have one means “to be able”, one is “supernatural power”. Dunamaho, that’s to be “strengthened” and then there’s one, “Dumateo”, that means “to be mighty”, to be mighty. Turn to your neighbor and say “You are Dumateo.” It means “you are mighty”, you are Dumateo. That means “to be mighty”. And then there’s one, “Dunatos”, which means “powerful”. Turn to your neighbor and say, “You’re also a Dunatos.” You’re “powerful”, you’re powerful. Well, that’s the Greek family of words and all of those have to do with strength or might or ability, or power. One of the words even deals with royalty, kind of like a “ruling class”. But I want to just show you this, let me just contrast to show even in the English language.

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The English language has the same translation and you can see it in the same just like in the Greek, it’s “Dun”, D-U-N, it’s the prefix for all of those power words in the Greek. While in the English language, you can see “Dyn”, D-Y-N, dynamic, dynamite, dynasty, it’s the same thing. So that’s the sort of the English comparative. But all of those words are power words. Those are all power words, so I gave it to you in the Greek and in the English. And so, he says here and I love this. Now, look at Colossians 1:11, and he says, “He is praying that we would be strengthened with all might”. That’s all of those definitions I just gave you in the Greek. He is saying that you’ll be strengthened with Dunamaho, Dunamai, Dunamis, Dunameo(ph), Dunamateo, Dunatos. He said, “I prayed that you will be strengthened with all might. All of these might coming together, all of these might strengthening you at the same time. I prayed that you’ll be strengthened with all might according to his glorious power.”

And so Paul is praying that, “I don’t want you to just have one of these”. Paul said, “I pray that God would strengthen you with not only the ability, with not only the power, with not only the might. But God would strengthen you with all might”. So, all of these words coming together into one, that God will strengthen you with all might. God will strengthen you with all might.

Here are some other translations of that verse. Some other translation says, “Since His power is so glorious, may you be strengthened with strength of every kind”. His power is so glorious, may you be strengthened with strength of every kind. God has different kinds of strength, depending on what’s needed

at that time. And so Paul is praying, “I prayed that you’re strengthened with all might any and every strength that’s needed. I pray that it’d be available for you in your life.” Any and every strength, someone may need a certain strength as they go through an illness. Somebody else may need a strength dealing in a marriage. Somebody else needs a strength dealing with something else. So Paul is saying, “I pray that God strengthens you with all might any and every kind of power that’s needed.” That it had to be sufficient for you, in your life.

Here’s another translation, it says; “I pray that you’ll be made strong at all points”. At all points, so there are different areas. There are different points in your life. He prayed that we’ll be strengthened with all might covering every point, so there’s no weakness anywhere. The mighty power of God comes on your life covering you at every point, every point. Man, am I the only one who’s excited about this? Oh my goodness! Oh man, that’s exciting. I like that. I said, “Holy Ghost, I like that, that’s good”. Strengthening us with all might, covering every point, you’d be made stronger at every point in your life. That’s what Paul prayed for us.

Here’s another translation, “May His glorious might nerve you with full power”. May His glorious might nerve you with full power. Now, this word “might” is referring to might that is speaking of being strengthened with might that is derived from another. That’s what the literal meaning of it. It’s strengthened with might that is derived from another. So this isn’t your natural strength. This isn’t your natural ability. He prayed that we will be strengthened with might that is derived from another, derived from God. That God’s literal power will come on your life. That God’s literal power will strengthen you in the inner man by the Holy Spirit. And so this is a supernatural power, this is a supernatural strength. When God gives, He gives like Himself. When God strengthens, He strengthens like Himself. God is all powerful. God’s almighty. And so, when He gives us of His strength, He strengthens us like Himself. And so as God’s mighty power comes into work on the inside of us. And that’s why Paul said, “I get happy when I get weak, so that’s the power of Christ would rest on me”.

Oh man, God’s mighty power, God’s mighty power. Just say this out loud with me, “God’s mighty power is strengthening me right now with all might. I am being strengthened with all might at

every point in my life.” Praise God. Give God some praise right there, man, oh my goodness! Oh man. Man, that’s a power of God. But that’s that might that comes on you that gives you the ability to endure anything with joy.

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And that’s what he said, and if you notice in Colossians 1:11, “Pray that you would be strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, on all patience and long suffering with joyfulness”. So, no matter what you have to go through, you’d be able to maintain your joy, because you’re being strengthened with power and might that didn’t come from you. Oh man that’s the power of God. Paul walked in this so strongly, that was actually one instance. They actually stoned Paul. They stoned him and left him for dead.

In the bible says, “The next day, he was in another city preaching.” Oh man, what do you think happened there? With that power that he had been praying, Almighty(ph) came on him, all might raised him up. All might restored him and all might healed him and it sent him onto this next city. He went to the next city, preaching like nothing had happened. Man, that’s the power of God. That’s all might. That’s being strengthened with all might, that’s being strengthened with all might. So he knew what he was talking about and he prayed that for us. He prayed there for us and so, that’s something that we should adopt in our prayers.

Follow that prayer that’d be strengthened with might in my inner man by the Holy Spirit and I pray that I be strengthened with all might according to your glorious power until long suffering and patience with joyfulness. I can go through any and everything and I can keep my joy. Praise God, I can keep my joy. People won’t even realize and I can’t realize how they are still joyful based on what they’ve been through. They don’t understand. You have tapped in the all might, all might. Praise God. Praise God. Oh man, I have preached myself happy. Praise God. Well, that was the first line of what we were dealing with there in Ephesians, Chapter 3.

So, keep in mind that we have started that prayer in Ephesians, Chapter 3 and I guess I’ll stop right there, but we’ll pick up next time. So we’re still working our way through Ephesians, Chapter

3 and then we're going to -- also blend again Colossians, Chapter 1. So, we covered Ephesians, Chapter 1. And we have started in Ephesians, Chapter 3 and then we're also going to continue to blend Colossians, Chapter 1. There are some powerful things there, but I've learned all this prayers and I pray them every day, because they are powerful. So, I think there are powerful New Testament prayers that we can incorporate in our lives and learn to pray, learn to rely on Christ's sufficiency and on Christ's power, on Christ's sufficiency and on his power. He actually lives on the inside of you. He lives on the inside of you and so, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me". He strengthens you. He adds his strength to ours and it's something mighty and something powerful that happens there that we learn to pray that. You have to pray for it and so, that's why he prayed that for us and he told us to pray that. Follow that prayer that I'd be strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit in the inner man. And I prayed that I be strengthened with all might according to your glorious power onto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness. Praise God. When somebody is getting on your last nerve, just whisper under your breath, "Father, strengthen me with all might that I can last through this and keep my joy." So I don't have to tell these -- I start to say something.

He strengthens you with all might, so that you'd be long suffering. Meaning, you have to suffer long. You'd be long suffering and patient with joyfulness. See, this one thing to be long suffering and patient, but to be able to do it with joy and that's when God comes in. God comes in and so you can do it with joy. Praise God. So that means nobody be at a where you out, no matter what they do to you, no matter what happens to your life, you won't have to lose your joy, because of all might, strengthened with all might according to his glorious power. Praise God. Did anybody get anything out of this tonight? Man, I'm excited. Amen. Amen. I'm, excited, I'm excited, I'm excited. Praise God.

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