

Ask and Think Big

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is **Ephesians 3:20-21**.

“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” (ESV).

Who is to receive the glory in this verse? God. Why? Because of His great power.

But where is that power working? In us.

Never forget that. God’s power is at work within us. It is at work within us as individual Christians. It is working to accomplish more than we can ask or think in us. Let’s not demean this by think in terms of Marvel Comics. This is not saying God is working in us so we can leap tall buildings in a single bound. It is saying God will accomplish amazing spiritual things in us. That sin you think you simply can’t overcome. You’re right. You can’t. But God can. He will do more than you ask or think in you.

God’s power is working within us as a congregation. He can accomplish more than we ask or think through us within the Brownsburg community. The community we become so convinced we can’t really influence, God is saying He can. And He can do it through us, when we simply rely on Him and give Him the glory.

But here is the main point I get out of these verses. If God’s amazing power can do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, what does that mean for us? It means we better start asking and thinking big. “Lead me to some soul today?” Why not two souls or ten? Why not get specific in big requests. When we pray about our upcoming evangelistic Sundays, let’s not just offer prayers about having guests. How about we pray for 100 guests or 150 guests? How about we pray for more than guests and instead pray for Bible studies and then conversions?

I know for me, I start to get a little worried about this. I want to hedge my bets in my prayers and offer up vague prayers so I can say God came through more easily. Instead, how about we just rest in our faith that God’s power is working in us. He’s allowed to say, “No,” if He wants, but He won’t say, “Yes,” if we don’t ask.

He is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, so I say we ask and think big.