

"MORE THAN YOU THINK"

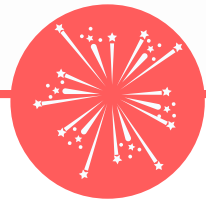
SERIES BREAK



WORD

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,

Ephesians 3:20 (NASB)



SPARKS

- What is something you used to be excited about when you were younger but slowly stopped expecting as you got older?
- Have you ever been surprised by something turning out much better than you expected?
- Have you ever misunderstood a situation at first, then later realized something good was actually happening?

Have you ever prayed for something while quietly wondering if it would ever happen? Many of us have. We still believe in God, but disappointment can slowly lower our expectations. A delayed answer, a closed door, or a dream that seems out of reach can cause us to stop expecting God to do great things.

We still worship, serve, and trust Him, yet sometimes we've unknowingly placed limits on what we believe He can do.

As we take a short break from our current series, today's lesson reminds us of the truth found in Ephesians 3:20: our God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. May this discussion renew our faith and encourage us to trust God for more than we think is possible.

1. GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW.

Ephesians 3:20

*Now to Him who is **ABLE** to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,*

Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that God is not just able; He is more than able. The word “able” comes from the Greek word dynamenos, which speaks of an active, intrinsic power that comes from who God is. This is the same root word used for the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the gospel. God’s power is not borrowed, limited, or temporary. It flows from His very nature. Paul goes even further by describing God as One who does “immeasurably more” than we can ask or imagine. God is not restricted by our understanding, our circumstances, or our limitations. Our biggest prayers, greatest dreams, and most impossible situations are still within the reach of His limitless power. God’s ability is greater than our expectations. Our imagination is not His ceiling. Our prayers are not His limit. Our disappointments are not His final word.

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2. GOD IS MORE READY THAN YOU THINK..

Ephesians 3:20

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly **BEYOND ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK**, according to the power that works within us,*

Sometimes we think God’s movement depends on the quality of our prayers or the strength of our faith. But Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that God works beyond what we ask or imagine.

He covers both lanes: not just what we articulate in prayer, but also what we think, imagine, and dare to believe is possible.

God is not waiting for the perfect prayer or a faith without doubt before He moves. His readiness is not based on us, but on who He is.

The question is never whether God is able. The question is whether we believe it.

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3. GOD IS MORE PRESENT THAN YOU FEEL.

Ephesians 3:20

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, **ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US,***

Even when we cannot see what God is doing, His presence and power are already at work in our lives. Ephesians 3:20 reminds us of “the power that works within us.” Through the Holy Spirit, God does not simply visit us; He lives in us.

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is the same power actively working within every believer today. This power is not reserved for those who have perfect faith; it is already inside you.

When you feel tired or discouraged, remember: God is not angry with you for being tired. He is not disappointed with you for sitting down. He is present. He is working. He is preparing you for more than you currently think is still on the table.

LIVE IT!

- Stop deciding the outcome before God responds. This week, choose to trust that God is not finished writing your story, and believe that He can still do far greater things than what you currently see.
- Be mindful of what you allow to fill your mind each day. This week, choose to feed your faith instead of your discouragement, because not every voice deserves your agreement.
- Identify one area where you have stopped expecting God to move, and surrender it to Him again. This week, invite God to bring restoration, renewal, and hope to the places you thought were beyond reach.



PRAYER

- Ask God to renew your faith and expectations. Surrender the fears, disappointments, and limitations that have caused you to stop believing in what He can do.
- Repent and surrender the areas you have given up on. Bring back to God the relationships, dreams, burdens, and prayers you stopped placing in His hands.
- Ask God for strength, hope, and awareness of His presence. Trust that He is still able, still working, and still faithful even when you cannot see or feel it.

