

In Ephesians 3:15, Paul says every family in heaven and on earth takes its name from one Father (v. 15). Today, I want to talk about one of those families: Cornerstone. Today is the last Sunday of our 2026 vision. I want to look back over the year with you … the way Paul would … *on his knees.* Everything we worked on this year, Paul asked God for, right here in seven verses. He didn't hand it to the Ephesians as an assignment. He asked God to do it.

I. For This Reason, I Kneel

A. Ephesians 3:14: *For this reason, _____ before the Father.* This isn't a routine prayer.

B. Now the first request:

1. Ephesians 3:16: *I pray that he may grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power in your _____ through his Spirit,*

2. He doesn't pray that their circumstances would get easier. He prays that the person inside would get stronger.

C. We began 2026 talking about equipping. Christ gave gifts to His church so that every member could be equipped for ministry

1. Every member is a minister. We said God sees the faithfulness nobody else ever notices.

2. Hebrews 6:10: *he will not _____ your work and the love you demonstrated for his name by serving the saints—and by continuing to serve them.*

D. Everything we asked of each other this year will always need a strength we don't have.

II. With All the Saints

A. Ephesians 3:17: *and that Christ may _____ in your hearts through faith.* (To settle in for good.)

B. Ephesians 3:17: *I pray that you, being _____ and firmly established in love*,

1. Maturity is the long-compounding interest of a thousand small obediences.

C. Ephesians 3:18: *may be able to _____* ... (To seize something.)

1. Ephesians 3:18: …_____ …

2. Ephesians 3:19: *to know Christ's love _____*,
The truth the church is built on isn't first a doctrine.
John 14:6: *"I am the way, the _____, and the life.*

D. Ephesians 3:18: *what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love,*

E. Ephesians 3:19: *and to know Christ's love that _____ knowledge*, …You never reach the end of it. You just keep going further in.

1. Why? *...so that you may be filled with all the _____ of God.*

III. Far More Than We Ask or Think

A. Ephesians 3:20: *Now to him who is able to do _____ all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—*

B. Ephesians 3:21: ***to him be glory in the church*** *and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

IV. As We Close…

A. Where did you see God at work in this church this year? Have you thanked Him for it? Have you told anybody?

B. Looking ahead: what have we stopped asking God for because we decided it wasn't realistic
Who in this family do you need to kneel for by name this week?

Questions

1. Why do you think he chose to pray for their inner strength (v. 16) rather than for easier circumstances, either for them or for himself?

2. What's the difference in your own life? Which "rooms" are hardest to give Him?

3.What have you learned about God's love from another Christian in this congregation that you wouldn't have seen on your own?

4.Where did you see God do something this year at Cornerstone that nobody asked Him for? Have you thanked Him for it, or told anyone?

5. What's something you've stopped asking God because it doesn't seem realistic? What would it look like to start asking again in 2027?

Answers

Above and beyond
I kneel
Fullness
Inner being
Surpasses
Forget
Truth
Dwell
That surpasses knowledge
Rooted
With all the saints
Comprehend