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“a prayer for the impossible”

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Ephesians 3:6 (NIV) ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

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Matthew 20:12-15 (NIV) ¹² 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' ¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

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“inherent power, or the power which resides within something by nature.”

“moral power and excellence of soul.”

“strength of God in the inner man that enables the believer to live for the Lord.”

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A. The Arena Of This Power –

The soul is the center of our *will*, our *emotions*, our *thought process*, and our *motives*.

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I have never committed adultery, but I sure think about it.

I stay away from that person, because I can't stand them.

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I get along with them, but I really don't like them.
I have been married 40 years, but we really don't have feelings for each other.

I come to church, but I'd rather be doing something else.

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I work for the Lord, because His love compels me.

I can't sing, but I love worshiping the Lord.

I am not young anymore, but my heart breaks for the youth of today.

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C. The Application Of This Power –

Acts 1:8 (NIV) ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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II. HE PRAYS FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL PASSION

VS. 17-19a

A. The Root Of This Passion V. 17a–

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

“to settle down; to be at home.”

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II. HE PRAYS FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL PASSION

VS. 17-19a

B. The Reality Of This Passion V. 17b–

^{17b}...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

“Love is the key. Joy is love singing. Peace is love resting. Long-suffering is love enduring. Kindness is love’s touch. Goodness is love’s character. Faithfulness is love’s habit. Gentleness is love’s self-forgetfulness. Self-control is love holding the reins.”

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¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--

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A love which is wide enough to embrace the world.

A love which is long enough to last forever.

A love which is high enough to take sinners to Heaven.

A love which is deep enough to take Christ to the very depths to reach the lowest sinner.

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III. HE PRAYS FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL PROSPERITY V. 19b

^{19b} ...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

“Your love, O Lord, come into me and drive out my anger.”

“Your holiness, Lord, enter and drive out my greed.”

“Your purity enter and drive out my lust.”

“Your mercy fill my soul and wash away my envy.”

“Your patience come in and my impatience will vanish.”

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Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV) ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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