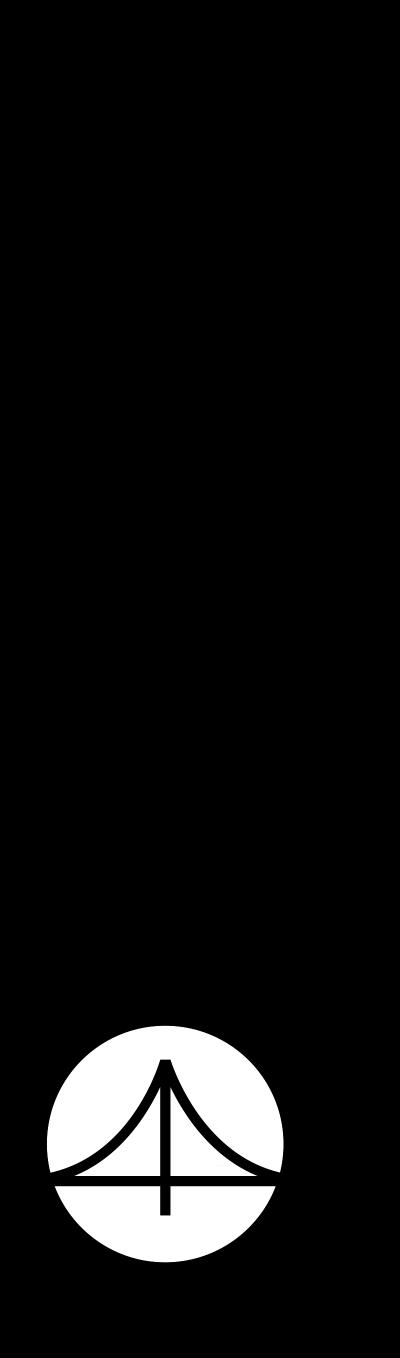
## Ephesians: Strength and Power



## We can't do life on our own, so we need God's Spirit.

 Preparing to Pray One Request, Four Results • The Goal

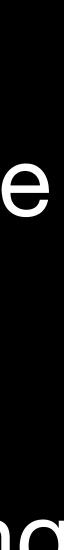
## Preparing to Pray

 Paul prays desperately because unless God answers the prayer, the church can't be who they're supposed to be His big request: That God would send the Holy Spirit to equip and empower the church to be who they're supposed to be



## **Result 1: Strengthened with Power**

- Paul is praying for them to have inner strength But he's saying to get it, we need help from outside
- ourselves, because on our own we lack the resources to cope with life
- Apart from Christ, our only real choices when facing crisis are to live in denial or let fear consume us But knowing and believing God's truth gives us
- inner strength







### **Rooted and Grounded in Love**

 Love is at the center of the church's identity Love grows in us organically as Jesus lives inside us

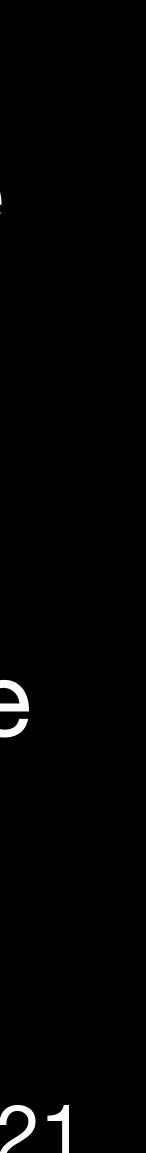


## Knowing Unknowable Love

- can't know it until God reveals it to us
- can't know it fully

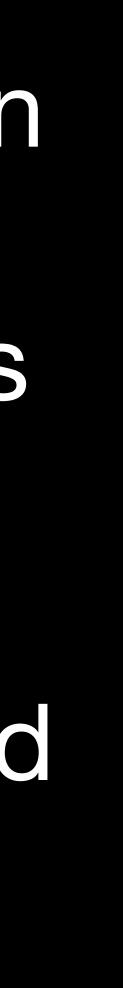
 We can study and research God's love, but we Right now, we can know His love truly, but we

 God has designed it so we know His love more deeply when we know the love of His people



## Filled with God's Fullness

- Our lives tend to be filled with things other than God
- The problem isn't that these things are bad, it's that we compartmentalize them thing that unites everything else in our lives and is present through it all
- When we're filled with God, He becomes the





## The Goal Paul's goal is to build us up by showing us

 The God would be glorified God's all-sufficiency can learn to depend on Jesus

# Our areas of weakness and failure are places we



