



**Big Prayers and
How We Need to Disentangle**

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Persevering, bold prayers can only exist when they are spent on something _____, inviting God to intervene in _____, _____ (and, at times, _____) matters.

Every prayer we utter needs to reckon with Ephesians 3:20:

“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...” (NIV)

Question: What keeps us from appropriating our prayers to the God of Ephesians 3:20?

tangled = a simple _____

entangled = a _____

1. We need to disentangle our _____.

Biblical Example: _____

2. We need to disentangle our sense of _____.

Our entangled sense of _____ expresses itself in two ways:

a) Our desire to _____ for ourselves and _____.

b) Our desire to _____ ourselves from _____.

Biblical Example: _____

3. (in order to help these things along) We need to disentangle our _____.

Biblical Example: _____/ Luke 7:1-10

What Now?

A next step towards being disentangled in order to pray big prayers would be:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21 NIV