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Title: Profound and Personal Prayer

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Read the prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21.

1. Do you have a preferred posture in prayer? Why is that meaningful?
2. It's ironic that Paul, who is in prison, is the one who's praying so hard. How do we get to that point where our prayers are deeper than our circumstances?
3. When you compare Paul's prayer with the way you pray, is it inspiring, intimidating, both, what?
4. What's the big thing Paul is praying here? See 3:16-17.
5. Do you know/see yourself as a saint? How can the average Jesus-loving-person rightly be called a saint? In your group, look left, right and all around the room. Say hello to Saint Larry, or Saint Jill, etc. Any Saint Bernard's?
6. Unity is theme of the Ephesians. How does this prayer reflect his desire for groups of believers to get along?
7. Do you think most believers know that the Christian life is empowered by Christ living his life in them? Why is that? See Romans 5:9-10.
8. Didn't the Ephesians already know God loved them? Isn't that Christianity 101? Why is important that we modern believers as well, get radically impressed by the love of Christ?
9. To what degree has Christ's love overpowered you?
10. Wide, long, high, deep is the love of Christ. What do each signify?
11. Is it possible to live so badly or indifferently that you get out of the love of God?
12. What are some of your favorite verses on the love of God?
13. Looking at 3:15... How can love surpass knowledge? How can we be filled up the fullness of God? How does a thimble help explain this verse?

As you close, try kneeling in your prayer time before this Amazing God who loves us so.