## **Ephesians:**

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God <u>unites</u> His church by making us all a part of His family. We are meant to be united by His <u>authority</u> as our Father.

"Purpose of prayer is to surrender our will not to impose it." – Andy Stanley

We can't agape/love God and not respect His authority.

<sup>16</sup> I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be <u>strong inwardly</u> through his Spirit. Ephesians 3:16

You can't do this on your own.

Do you pray for this kind of strength?

"Love isn't blinding, it's binding." – G.K. Chesterton

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> God's purpose in all this was to <u>use the church</u> to <u>display his wisdom</u> in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Ephesians 3:10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> So I <u>bow</u> in prayer before the Father <sup>15</sup> from whom <u>every family</u> in heaven and on earth gets its true name. Ephesians 3:14–15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> I pray that Christ will <u>live</u> in your hearts by faith and that your life will be <u>strong in love</u> and be built on love. Ephesians 3:17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> And I pray that you and all God's holy people will have the <u>power to understand</u> the greatness of Christ's love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Ephesians 3:18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be <u>filled</u> with the <u>fullness</u> of God. Ephesians 3:19

You get to know agape/love by getting to know God. Agape/Love isn't done in <u>isolation</u>. The more you give it away, the more you <u>have</u>.

Pray this for someone and share it with them.

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  With God's power <u>working in us</u>, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.  $^{21}$  To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21