
Talking With God

Part 3 - Our God is Able

Knowing God's Will

In the first week of our series on prayer we looked at the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, a revolutionary way of praying that can bring peace to the storms we face. A prayer that builds on the intimacy we have with Father God and centres on His will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Our faith, biblically speaking, is one marked with a dynamic and present personal and intimate relationship with our living Lord Jesus. Those who are inhabited by the Spirit of God are designed to work in partnership with God, to reveal and work in His wisdom in this world. Prayer is how we listen to what God is inviting us to join Him in His will being done.

Our God is Able – Ephesians 3:14-21

The conviction of every person of prayer is – our God is able!

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 3:20-21 (NIV)

Our God is able to do whatever needs to be done in this world and in your life for His kingdom to come, His will to be done. No problem can stop Him. No obstacle can thwart Him. No circumstance can worry Him. No outcome can confuse Him.

Our prayers need to be hinged on this conviction. God is not just a cosmic bystander; He is active and involved in His universe and in the lives of those who call on His name.

There is nothing that is consistent with God's character that He cannot do.

We will not pray often nor with much faith if we do not believe in the deepest place of our hearts that our God is able. And you will not believe our God is able if you do not know what He is like and remind yourself of what He has done.

Let there be Light

- + All the physical universe came into being because God willed it to be so, and it was no strain at all on God to do this – Genesis 1.

- + Our God is able to suspend the laws of nature. Exodus 14: 15-20 / Mark 4: 39-41 / Joshua 10: 12-14

- + Our God is able to bring deliverance from impossible situations. Daniel 3: 16-27 / Daniel 6

- + Our God is able to provide. Exodus 16: 11 / Exodus 17: 5-7 / Matthew 14:13-21

- + Our God is able to heal, restore sight to the blind, make lame people walk, cleanse the leper even raise the dead! Luke 4: 18-19 / Luke 7: 21-23 / John 11: 38-44

- + Our God is able to forgive sin. 1 John 1: 9 / Romans 5: 8 / Romans 10: 9-10 / Ephesians 2: 1-10 / Acts 2: 21

Not only does God have all of this power, not only is our God able in the Bible, but none of that power has diminished. (Hebrews 13:8; Romans 8:11)

Our God Is Able...And This Is For You

Our God is big enough to run the universe and intimate and caring enough to dwell in your heart.

To know the love of God - Ephesians 3:17b-19

Our God is not just a powerful God who is able, but He is a being who is so immersed in love that He is incapable of not loving. God is love.

Love is the flag that flies where Jesus resides in the heart.

There is no circumstance that can put you outside of His care and His love and this will be a test of your joyful confidence in God.

So where is your joyful confidence in God being tested? Whatever you're carrying, whatever your deepest longing is - our God is able.

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.

Discussion Questions

1. Spend a few minutes reading Ephesians 3:14–21 several times over (out loud, quietly, slowly). What stands out to you?
2. Is your prayer life marked by a deep conviction that our God is able?
3. What are the circumstances that wage war against this truth for you?
4. Peruse the various passages that are examples of how God has done powerful and amazing things before. What stops you from believing that He would do those things in your life?
5. What needs to change? Your image of God or your understanding of how much He is for you? Read Ephesians 3:17–19.
6. What at this present time is testing your joyful confidence in God? Share this with someone in your group and pray for one another.