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Main Text: **Ephesians 3:14-21**

Supporting Text Ephesians 2:1-5

Supporting Text Acts 19:10, 20

Supporting Text Isaiah 52:13-53:6

Introductory Hymn: “How Great the Father’s Love for us”

Concluding Hymn: “The Love of God”

主要经文: **弗 3:14-21**

相关经文 弗 2:1-5

相关经文 徒 19:10, 20

相关经文 赛 52:13-53:6

Title: “THERE IS MORE”

Theme: God’s Love is immeasurable and the necessary ingredient for our spiritual growth

Introduction:

Title: “THERE IS MORE”

主题: 上帝的爱是我们属灵成长过程中无与伦比和必不可少的因素

引言:

Thank you worship team for that great hymn.

感谢敬拜小组的美好诗歌。

“How great the Father’s Love for us; How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son to make a wretch a treasure”

Who can say Amen to that? We could not be here today if God had not given His only son to make us his treasure AMEN?

谁能对此说阿门？如果上帝没有以他的独生子为代价换来我们成为贵重，我们今天就不会坐在这里。阿门？

Good morning, my name is Julio and I am privileged to be part of the Senior Staff at first Free. It is a lot of fun and very challenging. During my time on the Staff, I have been given many challenges, from tearing down a wall to teaching a Sunday Community class to leading the

Men's ministry, but this is the first time I have been challenged to preach. I am excited about it because preaching here was the next to last item on my bucket list.

早上好，我叫胡立奥，非常荣幸成为 First Free 的资深员工，这项服侍很精彩也很有挑战性。我在这个岗位上经历过不少挑战，从推倒一堵墙到教导主日学，到带领男子事工，但是这是第一次经历讲道的挑战。我为此感到很兴奋，因为在这里讲道是我一长串服侍清单中的倒数第二项。

I hope that I can do better than a friend of mine that preached at an interactive church in Alabama, you know, the kind that every time you say something they like the say AMEN or RIGHT or something like that. Well, my friend started his message and there was a lady on the front row that kept telling her friend "My, what a warm preacher" she said every time my friend made a point, so at the end of the service, my friend went looking for the lady and told her "Lady, I thank you so much for your encouragement, I preached my best message because you kept telling your friend what a warm preacher I was and that inspired me. The lady responded "what are you talking about, all I meant was that you ain't so hot. Please don't say that I am a warm preacher.

我希望我能比我的朋友强点，他在阿拉巴马某间互动性很强的教会，就是那种，每次你说点什么，他们都会以“阿门”、“对”或者别的类似的东西来回应的。我的朋友开始讲道，在后排坐着一位女士，她一直不停的告诉她的朋友，“天，多么温暖的一位讲道人”。我朋友每讲一个要点，她就说一次，所以崇拜结束的时候，我的朋友找到这位女士，对她说：“这位女士，非常感谢您的鼓励，因为您不停地告诉您的朋友我是一个多么温暖的讲道者，我深受激励，所以讲出了我有史以来最精彩的道。那位女士却说：“您说什么呢，我的意思是，您没有多少激情”拜托不要说我是一个温暖的讲道人。

Let's pray: Father help me be more than a warm preacher today, help me, through your spirit to proclaim your Word with clarity and conviction, but more important Father that your Spirit will open the hearts of the people to make them more than hearers of your Word, make them doers. I ask in the name of your Son our savior Jesus Christ.

我们祷告：天父帮助我今天不要仅仅是一个温吞的讲道者，帮助我，借着你的灵能够清楚并且有说服力地传讲你的话语。更重要的，天父，愿你的灵打开在坐着的心扉，让他们不仅仅是听道者，而且也是行道者。奉你的儿子、我们的救主耶稣基督的名求。

This series is all about prayer, previous speakers have been telling us how our prayer life changes as we go through the Disciple's life cycle going from Dead to Infant to Child to Young Adult to Parent. Today, I want to take a different approach. I want to use the text, which is Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church to grow to full maturity by praying for them to **know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.** Essentially this is the prayer that every church leader should be praying for his/her church. In these 7 verses we will see how the entire growth cycle develops. God is saying to us "You

spiritual life is one of continuous growth. There is always more, and it is only possible because of my great love for you. If you accept this by faith, there will always be more”.

这一系列全是有关祷告，前面几位讲员已经讲了，我们的祷告生活会随着我们作为门徒经历不同的生命阶段而改变，从属灵死亡到属灵婴儿，到属灵孩童，到属灵青年直到属灵的父母。今天，我想试试不同的途径。我想用经文，就是保罗为以弗所教会迈向成熟的祷告，**并知道这爱是过于人所能测度的，便叫神一切所充满的，充满了你们。**基本上这应该是所有教会领袖为她的教会的祷告。在这七节经文里，我们将看到整个属灵成长循环的形成。上帝是在对我们说：“因着我对你们的大爱，你的属灵生命会一直不停地增长，变得更丰盛。如果你凭信心接受这爱的话，你的生命会更加丰盛。”

Let's read the passage:

我们一起来读这段经文：

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God., Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

因此，我在父面前屈膝，（天上地上的各（或作全）家，都是从他得名）求他按着他丰盛的荣耀，借着他的灵，叫你们心里的力量刚强起来，使基督因你们的信，住在你们心里，叫你们的爱心，有根有基，能以和众圣徒一同明白基督的爱，是何等长阔高深，并知道这爱是过于人所能测度的，便叫神一切所充满的，充满了你们。神能照着运行在我们心里的大力，充充足足的成就一切超过我们所求所想的。但愿他在教会中，并在基督耶稣里，得着荣耀，直到世世代代，永永远远。阿们。

Here are the major points of the message.

下面是今天信息的要点：

- a. There is more: The New Birth. (Eph. 2:1-5)
- b. There is more: The growing process. (Eph. 3:14-17)
- c. There is more: The outcome of growth. (Eph. 3: 18-19)
- d. There is more: God is able (Eph.3: 20-21)

- a. 更丰盛：新生。（弗 2:1-5）

- b. 更丰盛: 成长的过程. (弗 3:14-17)
- c. 更丰盛: 成长的收获. (弗 3: 18-19)
- d. 更丰盛: 上帝能 (弗 3: 20-21)

There is more: The New Birth. 更丰盛：新生

The journey starts with the new birth. Here is what the Scripture says about the role God's love in the New Birth. (Eph. 2:1-5)

我们的旅程从新生开始。经文这样描述上帝的爱在我们新生中的作用。（弗 2:1-5）

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

你们死在过犯罪恶之中，他叫你们活过来，那时你们在其中行事为人随从今世的风俗，顺服空中掌权者的首领，就是现今在悖逆之子心中运行的邪灵。我们从前也都和他们中间，放纵肉体的私欲，随着肉体 and 心中所喜好的去行，本为可怒之子，和别人一样。然而神既有丰富的怜悯。因他爱我们的大爱，当我们死在过犯中的时候，便叫我们与基督一同活过来。（你们得救是本乎恩）

Repeat underlined text

Illustration:

I was born to a traditional Roman Catholic Family. I was baptized as an infant and like my father before me, I attended The Christian Brother's School from the first grade through high school. I took my first communion in the first grade and was confirmed in the fourth grade. In high school, I taught to students attending Catholic schools at the poorer parishes, I joined the Catholic Youth Organization and taught Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry to students preparing for the exams required for entrance to the Trade Schools. I went to confession every week, attended Mass at least twice a week, I was, like Paul "concerning the Law, blameless" But in my heart, I knew that there had to be more, something was missing. I knew that there had to be more, I did not know what, but there had to be more. One week-end in my third of fourth year in high school (high school in Cuba was 5 years) I attended a retreat and one of the lectures was based on Isaiah 53: 1-6. This passages deal with "God's Suffering Servant" and contained verses like these:

我出生在一个传统的天主教家庭。我象我的父亲在我一样婴儿时就受洗，从一年级开始就是上基督徒兄弟学校直到高中。我在一年级第一次领圣餐，四年级的证实。在高中时，我教就读天主教

学校在较贫穷的教区学生问答课，我加入了天主教青年组织，在那里教要上贸易学校的学生准备数学，物理和化学的入学考试。我每周都去忏悔，每周参加弥撒至少两次，我，像保罗一样“为律法热心，无可指责”，但在我的内心深处，我知道，我须要更多的，总觉得缺了点什么。我知道我需要有更多，可我不知道要什么，但就是觉得必须有更多的什么。在高中三年级的一个周末我参加了一个退休会，其中讲座之一就是基于以赛亚书 53: 1-6。这段经文讲“上帝是受苦的仆人”，并包含这样的诗句：

“For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

我们所传的，（或作所传与我们的）有谁信呢？耶和华的膀臂向谁显露呢？他在耶和華面前生长如嫩芽，像根出于干地。他无佳形美容，我们看见他的时候，也无美貌使我们羡慕他。他被藐视，被人厌弃，多受痛苦，常经忧患。他被藐视，好像被人掩面不看的一样。我们也不尊重他。他诚然担当我们的忧患，背负我们的痛苦。我们却以为他受责罚，被神击打苦待了。哪知他为我们过犯受害，为我们的罪孽压伤。因他受的刑罚我们得平安。因他受的鞭伤我们得医治。我们都如羊走迷，各人偏行己路。耶和華使我们众人的罪孽都归在他身上。

As the speaker explained the text, he told us how it referred to Christ, his suffering and death on the cross. He painted a vivid picture of what happened at Calvary and why. At the end, he challenged us by saying “Look at the cross. God’s love sent Christ to the cross for you. Christ suffered and died for you. What are you going to do in response? At that moment, the Spirit said to me: “See, there is more, this is what you have been looking for”. I went on my knees and gave my life to Christ.

讲员一边讲解经文，一边告诉我们它是如何指向基督，他在十字架上的痛苦和死亡。他非常逼真地给我们描画了在各各他所发生的事情以及为什么这些会发生。最后，他对我们说“看着这十字架，上帝的爱，为你，把基督送上了十字架。基督为你遭受痛苦，为你而死。你打算如何回应？在那一刻，圣灵对我说：“你看，有更多的，这是你一直在寻找的”。我弯下我的膝盖，将我的生命交给基督。

Application: You see, in my own eyes, in the eyes of my friends, in the eyes of my church, in the eyes of my culture, I was “a good boy”. In the eyes of God, I was an object of wrath. But God, because of His great love for me, made me alive in Christ.

应用：你看，在我自己的眼里，在朋友眼里，在我的教会的眼里，我的文化的眼里，我是个“好孩子”。在神的眼里，我是愤怒之子。但是因为上帝对我的大爱，他让我在基督里活着。

There was more for me and there is more for you.
这机会我有，你也有。

If you have not been made alive in Christ, the rest of this message will not make any sense.
如果你还没有在基督里重生的话，下面的信息可能有点不太好懂。

So, let me ask you: Look at the cross; How will you respond to His sacrifice?

因此，我想问你：瞩目十字架，你如何回应耶稣的牺牲？

There is more: The need for growth. (Eph. 3: 14-17)

更丰盛：成长的需要（弗：3:14-17）

It does not end with the new birth. After I gave my life to Christ, my outlook changed. I was now more aware of what God wanted me to do and why, but my life did not change. There was no growth. There was no growth because, although I have moved from death into life, I did not know what to do next. I was not being discipled, therefore, there was no growth, but there was frustration because the lack of growth.

有了新生并不意味着一切都好了。当我把我的生命交给基督，我的外在改变了。我更加意识到神要我做的，为什么要做，但我的生命并没有改变，没有增长。因为虽然我已经从死入生，但我不知道下一步该怎么做。我没有被训练过，因此生命没有增长，但却有缺乏增长的挫败感。

Many years passed and in the meantime, I moved to Alabama, where I met and married my wife, had two children. Eventually, she gave her life to Christ and started to grow in the faith. She also started to pray for me to find what she had found. It took time, but eventually her prayers were answered when a man from the visitation team at her church came to visit me and shared the Gospel and asked me to let him pray the the Holy spirit would open my heart to the truth. At that moment, I found the more that I was looking for.

很多年过去了，在此期间，我搬到阿拉巴马州，在那里我遇到了我现在的太太，我们结婚、生了两个孩子。后来，她也相信了耶稣，并且信心开始增长。她也开始为我祈祷，希望我也能找到她所找到的。这需要时间，但最终她的祈祷得到了回应，她教会探视队的一个人来看望我，并分享了福音，请我允许他祈祷圣灵打开我的心门接纳真理。在那一刻，我发现了我一直在寻找的更丰盛。

Paul put it this way: 保罗是这样说的：

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith— (Eph 3: 14 – 16)

因此，我在父面前屈膝，（天上地上的各（或作全）家，都是从他得名）求他按着他丰盛的荣耀，借着他的灵，叫你们心里的力量刚强起来，

It was the Father, through His love and the riches of his glory that begun to strengthen me by his Spirit in the inner being. I did not know, but it was by faith the Christ dwelled in my heart, not by my traditions or rituals.

是父借着圣灵用他的爱和他的荣耀开始加强我的内心世界。我不知道，但是是因着信，基督内住在我心中，而不是我的传统或仪式。

The strength that Paul is talking about does not come automatically, it is indeed powered by the Holy Spirit, it is the Spirit that puts in your heart the desire for more, but it requires a commitment to grow and the help of other, more mature Christians to help you get there. In my case, a godly pastor took me under his wing and taught me his love for God's Word and how to study it and apply it to my life. He taught me how to pray and how to share my faith. I learned the importance of being in community with other Christians. In other words, I was being strengthened in my inner being by the Spirit.

保罗所说的那种力量不会自动到来，而是需要圣灵的驱动，是圣灵把那种渴望丰盛的欲望放在你的心里。但是你需要承诺不停成长，也需要其他成熟基督徒的帮助来成长。就我而言，一位虔诚的牧师关注我，他对上帝话语的爱慕影响着我，他也教我如何学习神的话并应用到我的生活中。他教我如何祷告，如何分享我的信仰。我学会了在社区与其他基督徒共处的重要性。换句话说，我从内心深处被圣灵刚强。

There is more: The outcome of growth. (Eph. 3: 18-19)

更丰盛：成长的收获（弗 3:18-19）

We have already seen how the indispensable first step is the new birth.

我们已经看到了不可或缺的第一步是新生。

We have seen the absolute necessity for spiritual growth, to be strengthened in the inner being by the Spirit.

我们已经看到了属灵成长和内心被圣灵刚强的绝对必要性。

Let us now see the practical outcome of Paul's prayer for the Ephesians:

现在让我们看看保罗的祈祷下，以弗所教会的收获：

That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

能以和众圣徒一同明白基督的爱，是何等长阔高深，并知道这爱是过于人所能测度的，便叫神一切所充满的，充满了你们。

Rooted and grounded in love

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The Ephesian believers lived in a hostile environment. Ephesus was the center of pagan worship, the culture was very much contrary to their beliefs and they were, no doubt persecuted. They needed to understand that there was more than what they saw, that their God in whom they had put their faith was stronger than their circumstances, that it was Christ that gave them strength and hope.

以弗所的信徒生活在一个充满敌意的环境中。以弗所是异教崇拜的中心，当时的社会文化极其违背基督徒的信念，毫无疑问信徒处于被迫害之中。他们需要明白，在他们眼目所及

以外有更超越的力量，那就是他们所信的神比周遭的环境更强大，那就是基督给了他们力量和希望。

But it was one thing to know this and another to experience it. That is why they had to be rooted and grounded in love. In God's love and in love for one another. Only then could they face their everyday life.

但是知道是一回事，体验又是另一回事。这就是为什么他们必须扎根于爱。唯有在上帝的爱和彼此相爱中，他们才能面对自己的日常生活。

Illustration: As a kid growing up in Cuba, I was always amazed by the palm trees. Palm trees are everywhere, there was one in my backyard that my mother planted when we moved there in 1940, and the last time I checked a few years ago, it was still there. Palm trees grow very tall and are very slim, they are also very flexible. Another thing I remember growing up was that every year we have a hurricane or two, sometimes three. The hurricanes came and went, but the palm trees stayed in place. Palm trees grow very deep roots and are able to stand the force of a category 5 hurricane. (Slide, palm trees)

讲解：孩提时代生长于古巴的我总是惊讶于棕榈树。棕榈树随处可见，在我家后院有一棵，是我们 1940 年搬到那里我的母亲种的。几年前我去看的时候，它还在那里。棕榈树长得非常高，非常细，他们也很有韧性。我记得我们那里每年有一个或两个，有时三个飓风。飓风来了又走，但棕榈树屹立不倒，安然无恙。棕榈树根扎得很深，能抵御 5 级飓风的力量。

Application: Rooted and grounded means that, in spite of your circumstances, really, because of your circumstances, you know that God's love is going to prevail. You know this because God has strengthened you in your inner being, and you know it because When the hurricanes of life start beating you down, you are ready to stand and when they pass, your faith has been strengthened because God has been faith full to his promises. When the next hurricane comes your roots will keep you standing. You are strengthened with might in the inner being by the Spirit and rooted and grounded in love.

应用：有根有基表示，不管您的环境如何，真的，因为你周遭得环境，你知道，上帝的爱是超越一切的。你有这样得体会是因为上帝已经从内心坚固了你。当人生的飓风企图把你刮倒，你站稳了；因着上帝的信实，飓风过后你的信心更坚实。下次飓风再来袭的时候你的根基牢牢地支撑你稳固站立。靠着圣灵和有根基的爱你日益刚强。

Like the palm trees in Cuba, are we grounded and rooted in love?

我们的爱也象古巴的棕榈树一样有根有基吗？

There is more, Paul's prayer continues:

还有，保罗的祷告继续说：

Have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

能以和众圣徒一同明白基督的爱，是何等长阔高深

Illustration: When I was a boy in Cuba, I lived less than a mile from the ocean. (Slide, ocean view)) Our gang use to go to the shore line to fly kites or fish or throw rocks just to see how far we could throw them. But mostly, we just sat, look north and fantasize about what was beyond the horizon. Because we were just at the water's edge, we had an unimpeded view of the ocean and the sky. Look at this slide, think...how deep is the ocean? How high is the sky? How far is the horizon? To the right or to the left – where does it end?

That is the extent of God's love.

讲解：当我还是一个男孩的时候，我在古巴住得离海岸不到一英里。（幻灯片，海景）我们一帮人常去海边放风筝，钓鱼，或扔石头看能扔多远。但更多的时候我们只是坐着，看着北部和幻想地平线以外是什么。因为我们濒临水边，我们可以放眼眺望海洋和天空。看这张幻灯片，觉得...海有多深？天空有多高？天涯有多远？向右或向左 - 哪里是尽头？这是神的爱的长阔高深。

Application: I saw these principles at work during my missionary visits to Cuba. Those believers lived in a hostile environment. They were not allowed to share their faith openly, they were ridiculed, some of them even lost their jobs, some were put in re-education camps, but when they met together, there was a joy in their hearts that was impossible to miss. Christ was their strength and their hope. The Cuban believers, like the Ephesians could continue to live and express their faith because they comprehended that dimensions of God's love, they were, not only rooted and grounded in love, but also filled with all the fullness of God.

应用：我在古巴宣教工场的时候看到了这一点。那些信徒生活在一个充满敌意的环境。他们不能公开分享他们的信仰，他们被嘲笑，有的甚至失去了工作，有的被送去再教育营。但是当他们碰到了一起的时候，他们心中的喜乐无法掩饰。基督是他们的力量 and 他们的希望。古巴的信徒如以弗所信徒一样，因着明白上帝爱的长阔高深，不停地活出他们的信仰。他们不仅扎根于爱，同时也充满了上帝一切的丰盛。

Application: The expected outcome of Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church was that they "may be filled with all the fullness of God" and to do that by being strengthened in the inner man, by being grounded and rooted in love and by comprehending the incomprehensible, the magnitude of God's love. This then, should be our prayer for First Free.

应用：保罗的祈祷期望以弗所教会的是，他们“可以充满上帝一切的丰盛”，而做到这一点靠的是内在的刚强，有根有基的爱，明白那不可明白的上帝的广阔的爱。那么，这，也应该是我们为 FirstFree 的祷告。

There is more: God is able (20, 21)

更丰盛：上帝能

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

神能照着运行在我们心里的大力，充充足足的成就一切超过我们所求所想的。但愿他在教会中，并在基督耶稣里，得着荣耀，直到世世代代，永永远远。阿们。

Illustration: During one of my missionary trips to Cuba, I was asked to visit a young woman from the church that was in great need of encouragement. A couple of months before, her husband had taken to sea on a raft in an attempt to leave the country and arrive in Florida, she had not heard from him since and was afraid that he might have drowned or worse yet, arrives safely and had forgotten her. Her immediate need was for a job so she could feed herself and somehow survive. (You have to understand, life is extremely hard in Cuba; there is no reliable transportation, food is scarce and it takes hours standing on line to get whatever is available and jobs are not that easy to find, especially for a the wife of a defector.) Since the immediate need was for her to find a job, we prayed for that and I tried to give her hope that God loved her and cared for her. The next day, we returned to see how she was doing. She opened the door with a great smile and told us. I got a job!, we exited for her and started a prayer of thanks giving. She said “There is more! the job is walking distance from my house, great! God is good. She said, “There is more!” lunch is provided as part of the compensation. OK, let’s pray. No there is more, I got word from my husband, he made, got a job and is making arrangements to get me there.

讲解：一次在古巴宣教的时候，我被邀请去拜访那里教会的一位年轻女子，当时她急需安慰和鼓励。几个月前，她的丈夫试图乘筏渡海离开古巴去佛罗里达州。她一直没有得到他的消息，很担心他可能会被淹死或更糟糕的是，安全抵达却忘了她。她的燃眉之急是一份工作，让她可以养活自己。（你得明白，古巴生活极为艰苦，交通匮乏，食物短缺，什么都得排好几个小时的队，工作不是那么容易找到，尤其是对一个叛逃者的妻子来说。）因为迫在眉睫的是为她找一份工作，所以我们为此而祈祷，我想给她希望，告诉她上帝爱她，照顾她。第二天，我们回访去看她。她一开门便笑脸相迎，告诉我们，“我找到了一份工作！”我们为她高兴，并开始感恩的祈祷。她说：“还有呢！这项工作离我家步行距离，太棒了！上帝真好。她说，“还有更多！”午餐也包含在工作补偿中。好吧，让我们祈祷。哦不，还有更多的，我得到我丈夫的消息，他找到了一份工作，并在安排让我去那里。

Application: I learned from that visit that God is not limited by our thoughts or imagination, God’s love is only limited by our ability to receive it and our ability to see it. He is also not limited by our understanding or desires. The answer to her prayer could have been different. God answers according to his great love for us, not necessarily according to what we think we want or need.

应用：我从那次访问学到，上帝不会被我们的思想和想象力所束缚，神的爱，只有我们接受它的能力和我们看到它的能力有限。他也不会被我们的理解和欲望所限制。对她祷告的回应可能会有所不同。上帝根据他对我们伟大的爱来回答祷告，但不一定按我们认为我们想要或需要的。

There is more: God’s Glory.

更丰盛：上帝的荣耀

I find it very enlightening that Paul’s prayer ends with a desire that the result of our growth and being filled with the fullness of God would be that Glory be given to God and Christ Jesus “for all generations Amen”.

我觉得保罗的祷告结语很有启发，在祷告的结束语中，保罗渴望我们成长的结果和被神的丰盛充满是世代将荣耀交给上帝和基督耶稣。

A true Spiritual parent is one that gives glory to God in all the he does.

一个真正的属灵父母是在他所做的每一件事上归荣耀于上帝。

Summary 结束语

In one prayer, Paul walked us through the entire discipleship cycle and taught us that in God's love for us there is always more. There is more than being an object of wrath, there is more than being an infant. God's desire is that we will be filled with all the fullness of God.

在一个祈祷中，保罗引导我们走过了整个门徒成长周期，并告诉我们，上帝对我们的爱总是有更多的。我们也不仅仅是被愤怒的对象，不止是个属灵婴儿。神的愿望是，我们将充满了上帝一切的丰满。

This growth is not automatic. It takes effort in our part. First Free is a discipleship church. This means that we want our congregation to be filled with all the fullness of God and we provide all kind of opportunities for you to grow. We provide a number of relational discipleship venues to help you grow, we provide service opportunities, we provide prayer opportunities. All of these are designed to help you be filled with all the fullness of God. If you want to know more about these opportunities, come by the information desk at the end of the service. Come and join us in our faith journey.

这种增长不是自动的。它需要我们从我们而来的努力。Firstfree 是一个门徒教会。这意味着，我们希望我们的会众充满神的一切的丰盛，我们提供所有类型的帮助你的成长机会。我们提供了一些相关的门徒场地，帮助你成长，我们提供服务的机会，我们提供祷告的机会。所有这些都旨在帮助您充满神的一切丰满。关于这些机会如果您想了解更多，聚会结束后可以去信息台询问。欢迎快快加入我们的信仰之旅。

And by the way, how did this work for the Ephesians, go with me to Acts 19:10 "...so that all that dwelt in Asia heard the word of God; both the Jews and Gentiles. (20) "So the word of God grew mightily and prevailed." Let the Word of God grow mightily and prevail through all of West County and beyond.

顺便说一句，以弗所的工作如何走向使徒行传 19 章 10 节联系上的“.....叫一切住在亚西的，无论是犹太人，是希利尼人，都听见主的道。（20）“主的道大大兴旺而且得胜，就是这样。”让主的道在西县及更远大大兴旺而且得胜。

Invite Rick to come up

Advent Conspiracy collection.

Ask prayer team to come forward

Ask Pastors, Elders, Deacons and leaders and the entire congregation to stand and read the passage in an attitude of prayer for First Free.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God., Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

因此，我在父面前屈膝，（天上地上的各（或作全）家，都是从他得名）求他按着他丰盛的荣耀，借着他的灵，叫你们心里的力量刚强起来，使基督因你们的信，住在你们心里，叫你们的爱心，有根有基，能以和众圣徒一同明白基督的爱，是何等长阔高深，并知道这爱是过于人所能测度的，便叫神一切所充满的，充满了你们。神能照着运行在我们心里的大力，充充足足的成就一切超过我们所求所想的。但愿他在教会中，并在基督耶稣里，得着荣耀，直到世世代代，永永远远。阿们。

Dismiss Hymn “The Love of God”