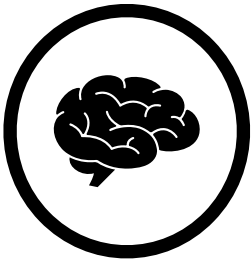


# SERMON NOTES

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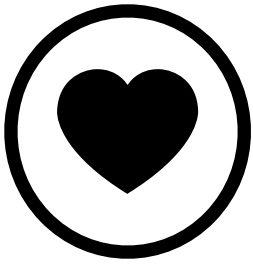
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## Exploring the text

Questions for reflection:

1. Paul begins in verse 14 by saying, 'For this reason...' What do you think that reason is?
2. How is God characterised in vs.14 & 15?
3. What are the specific things that Paul prays for the Ephesians?
4. What are the 'glorious riches' (vs.16) that Paul has in mind?
5. What does Paul pray for the Ephesians to be rooted and established in? Why is this important?
6. What are some examples of the height, depth, length and width of God's love for us (see Psalm 103:11-12, Micah 7:19, Jeremiah 31:3)
7. In what way are we 'filled to the measure of all the fullness of God'?
8. How is God glorified through the church (vs.21)?



# Connecting our hearts

Questions for reflection:

1. What does it mean for Christ to dwell in our hearts and for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us? How can we strengthen ourselves in the Lord?
2. How do the following things feature in Paul's prayer: strength, love, faith, understanding, knowledge, God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?
3. Why does Paul ask that Christ may dwell in the hearts of the Ephesians? What difference would this have made in their everyday living?
4. What images does 'rooted and established in' bring to mind?
5. God is described as 'able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine'. How does this truth impact your life and prayers?



## Living it out

Questions for reflection:

1. How can you live for the glory of God the Father today?
2. Take time to meditate on these verses with a particular focus on the love of God for you. How should you live knowing you are so extravagantly loved?
3. God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. How can this truth encourage you to pray big prayers today?

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Use the below space to write you own prayer of response