

Lord, Heal My Attitude

Ephesians 3:14-21

Introduction: We live in a season of uncertainty, short tempers, and selfishness. This lesson will focus on how we can show our faith in Christ in these times.

I. Rely on His Power, v. 14-16

- A. God is in Charge
 - Bow to him
 - Every family is named after him
 - B. God will empower you
 - Eph 1:3 is about blessings, 3:14-21 is power from blessings
 - God gives us all the power we need, Phil. 4:19
 - Phil. 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
 - C. Outer man withers, inner Spirit grows, 2 Cor. 4:16
 - God works through our troubles, James 1:3-5
 - Inner man is a struggle, Romans 7
- App: God is in control. No one can control your emotion or response.

III. Rely on our Relationship, v. 17-19

- A. The Christian Relationship
 - Already saints (1:1), but grow in faith and love
 - Example of planting (pot is love) (rooted and grounded)
 - Christ then grows in our faith
 - B. How to grow?
 - Let word dwell in you, Col. 3:17
 - Practice of obedience, Jn 14:23
 - Love to God and others, Gal. 5:22-23
 - How wide? Enough to embrace all people
 - How long: for all eternity (past and present, future)
 - How deep: vilest sinner to a saint
 - How high: raise up to the heavenly places with Christ
- App: Love is wanting best for others. What does love for enemies look like?

V. Rely on his Presence, v. 20-21

- A. Let God fight for you.
 - Joshua, Gideon, Psalm 24:8, 2 Chronicles 24:15
 - B. God will accomplish much through you
 - Immeasurably more, exceedingly abundantly
 - Glory in the church by Christ Jesus forever and ever
- App: Is God fighting my battle or am I? Do I leave room for God to work?