Jim Bartholomew April 7,2024 The best you found in Him

I believe the only place we can go to find the best version of ourselves is in Jesus. Last year around this time I was in the back of the church and felt the Lord impress on my heart that if I ever got a chance to speak here I should share about finding the best version of ourselves in Jesus.

Example: Dan Orlovsky football analyst 128,000,000,000 16 hrs X 8,000,000,000 people / day Personal testimony

Eph 3:16-21

16 that He would grant you, **according** to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with **might** through His Spirit in the inner man

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to **comprehend** with all the saints /// what is the **width and length and depth and height**-

19 to know the **love** of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

According: Greek-Kata, denotes intensity, in harmony The standard of giving is the riches of His glory

Might: Greek-Dunamis, miraculous power, power, strength, violence, mighty wonderful work. Rooted and grounded: deep and stable

Comprehend: Greek-Katalambano, to take eagerly, seize, come together, to catch, to grasp by understanding, to possess, to embrace.

Width, length, depth, and height: 4 dimensions, we live in 3

Love: Greek-Agape, Greeks had a number of words for love. This one is God love.

20 Now to Him who is able to do **exceedingly abundantly** above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Exceedingly: Webster, Great in extent, quality. Degree, or devotion. Exceptional, extremely, and very much.

Abundantly: Webster, Plentiful, rich in supply, over flowing. Do we have a "yes" in our spirit concerning the things of the Lord?

This is why we pray, worship, read the word, fast, sacrifice, obey, and serve. Allowing the Father to strengthen our inner man

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

I Sam 17:45-51 I believe this is the attitude God wants us to have moving forward.

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.