

Introduction

Scripture: *Ephesians 3:20-21 – Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask, think or imagine, according to the power that works in us, to Him be the glory...*

Sometimes we are unimaginative when it comes to prayer. As C.S. Lewis puts it, “Those who have not learned to ask God for childish things will have less readiness to ask Him for great ones.” Our problem is often not that we ask too much of God but that we ask too little. We are content with small and temporary things—like asking for hot dogs when steak is on the menu.

While God cares for all those details, He also invites us to experience more of Him and His power. He knows the number of hairs on our heads, clothes the lilies of the field, and feeds the birds of the air. How much more will He care for your daily needs? Yet, we often neglect the great invitation to partake in the divine and experience His unlimited, creative power.

Paul’s words in Ephesians 3:20-21 challenge us to be imaginative in our asking. If moving mountains is not much for God, then certainly He can and wants us to ask, think, and imagine creatively. This brings God glory! We showcase His power by trusting Him and asking expectantly, faithfully, and creatively. The Bible promises that we receive when we ask according to His will. How do we know His will? By diving into Scripture, we find bold and creative asks, from floating ax heads and falling walls to multiplying food and calming storms.

Over the next 21 days, commit yourself to reading the Bible and praying. Take time to think about what you read and what God is speaking to you. Use the questions offered to guide you in prayer about what you are talking to God about. Consider adding a time of fasting or silence to deepen your time with the Lord.

I encourage you to use the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Ask, Praise) to guide you each day. Soap Journals are available or use one of your own. As you track the things you are praying about, record your experience and see what prayers you see God answering.

Let’s dive into the Possible!

Pastor Jeremy

Day 1: The Miracle of Creation

Art:

[Creation Story Mural by Nungalinya College](#)

SOAP:: Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

And the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. - Genesis 1:2 NASB

Devotional:

The Bible opens with an awe-inspiring act: God creating the universe from nothing. Simply by speaking, He formed light, seas, land, and life, demonstrating His unparalleled power and creativity. But the canvas for this beautiful creation is the cruel reality of chaos and surging seas that would defy any hope for habitation. And like the “mouth of the wicked” from Proverbs 10, a drowsy darkness conceals the drowning below. Yet it is precisely in between these parallel “surfaces,” that a damp hope finds its spark. They are truly one surface, but they are also two. Covered by darkness, the primordial surface is abysmal and threatening. Yet beneath the hovering wings of God’s Spirit, the very same surface is tensioned with life-giving potential. It is from this pivotal moment forward that the Word of God is heard floating out over the waters, calling in a loud voice for Life to leave its watery grave.

Beginnings are rarely lucky and almost never pretty. They are awkward, vulnerable, full of anxiety and adrenaline, and by definition, they inhabit the space between utter ruin and our first taste of victory. As we begin this journey of 21 days to discover what is possible for the God who is eternally turning death into life, let’s be honest and call the chaos for what it is. There’s no need to avoid or downplay the real grief, darkness, loss, despair, or ignorance that make the word “impossible” feel cliché. They are truly deadly and desolate, and the first words of Genesis agree. And let us also acknowledge that these are the very conditions that arrest the attention, compassion and creativity of the One Who Sees and Knows. He is imagining. Might we accept His invitation to join Him?

Reflection:

- What “nothingness” in your life do you need God to create something from?
- How does recognizing God’s power in creation strengthen your faith?
- What part of creation most reminds you of His greatness?

Songs:

- [Another one - Elevation](#);
- [Eden Benjamin William Hastings](#)