

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**The God Who Exceeds Your Expectations**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**August 17, 2025**

**Key Passage:** Eph 3:20 KJV - Now unto him that is able to do *exceeding abundantly above* all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

**Introduction:** God is able to do more than we realize. God is able to meet our needs and answer our prayers way beyond what we hope, think or imagine.

**1. The Apostle Paul had a special grace to reveal mysteries to us.** Eph 3:2 KJV - If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,...)

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**3. God reveals His wisdom to spiritual principalities through the Church.** Eph 3:10 KJV - To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly [places] might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**4. Because of these things Paul prayed for the Church.** Eph 3:14 KJV - For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, :15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

**5. In Eph 3:16-19 Paul prayed that:**

- a. We would be strengthened with might by the Holy Spirit in the inner man.
- b. Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith.
- c. We are rooted and grounded in love.
- d. We may be able to know the love of Christ.
- e. We might be filled with all the fulness of God.

**6. God is able to answer these prayers over and above what has been asked.** See Eph 3:20 above.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Are your prayers limited by a previous experience?
2. Name a Bible story where they received an over and above answer to prayer?
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