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## Illustrations of divine power:

*Eph. 1:19-20 ...That power is like working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms...*

*Eph. 1:21-22 ...far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything.*

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## God Empowers You!

### Ephesians 1:15-23

Review of Ephesians 1:

Ephesians 1:1-6      God chose you

■ Ephesians 1:7-10      God redeemed you      ■

Ephesians 1:11-14      God sealed you

*Ephesians 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints ...*

■ “By their fruits you shall know them.” ■

*Ephesians 1:16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.*

### ■ The need for divine power: ■

*Ephesians 1:17 I **keep asking** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**...*

*Ephesians 1:18 I pray also that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened**...*

*Matt. 13:13 seeing they don't see and hearing they don't hear.*

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### **Petition #1: to know God better**

*Ephesians 1:17 ... so that you may **know Him better**.*

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### **Petition #2: to know the hope of God's calling**

*Ephesians 1:18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may **know the hope to which he has called you...***

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What does Paul mean by God's calling?

*Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has **called me heavenward** in Christ Jesus.*

*2 Tim. 1:9 ... who has saved us and **called us to a holy life...***

*1 Thess. 2:12 ...encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who **calls you into his Kingdom and glory.***

*1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of grace, who **has called you to his eternal glory in Christ**, will himself restore establish and strengthen you.*

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#### **Hope:**

Hope #1: Assurance; an expectant attitude.

Hope #2: the substance of what we will experience in the future.

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### **Petition #3: to know the riches of God's inheritance**

*Eph. 1:18 ... know the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints...*

*Judges 6:12 The Lord is with you, mighty warrior...*

*John 1:42 You are called Simon... you shall be called Peter (rock).*

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### **Petition #4: to know the greatness of God's power**

*Eph. 1:19-20 ...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in...*

*Dunamis-* power, dynamo, dynamite

*Energeia-* working, energy

*Kratos-* mighty

*Ischus-* power, strength

*Matt. 26:41 "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

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