

# “Be All You Can Be!”

Ephesians 3 & 4

## My Heart, Christ's Home?

**Ephesians 3:12-17** Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome. <sup>13</sup>So please don't despair...<sup>14</sup>When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup>the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>16</sup>I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup>And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him.

## Is Jesus welcome in your heart?

- Are your eyes on people or circumstances, rather than the Lord?
- Are you getting “self-centered” more than
- “God-centered”?
- Is there unconfessed sin? Something you are resisting that the Lord has shown you to do/not to do?
- Have you let something get between you and the Lord? A family member or friend, work, ministry, a project or “good work”, possession?
- Have you judged others, feeling they were less spiritual?
- Are you judging your relationship by your feelings and not by what is truth?

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**Ephesians 3:17-21** May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. <sup>18</sup>And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. <sup>19</sup>May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup>Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope. <sup>21</sup>May he be given glory in the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever through endless ages. Amen.

## Reading Dramatization

### More Like Jesus

**Ephesians 4:14-16** Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup>Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup>Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

