
PRAY
FIRST
Part 5 - Pray Bigger
Ephesians 3:14-21

Harvest Offering

Sunday, Nov. 22
@ the Auditorium

A special annual offering to support ministry needs and advance the Gospel.


The greatest things God does are not always the things we can see and count and measure ...
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Four Extraordinary Prayer Requests

1. **Ask for strength you cannot produce** *(vs. 14-16). "to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man"*



Postures of Prayer

Kneeling	*humility, surrender, dependence*
Standing	*reverence and readiness*
bowing, falling face down	*awe, repentance, complete surrender*
looking upward	*confidence & communion*
lifting hands	*worship, receiving*



Postures of your Heart



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1. **Ask for strength you cannot produce** *(vs. 14-16).*
2. **Ask to know love you cannot measure** *(vs. 17-19a). "that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints, what is the breadth and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge"*



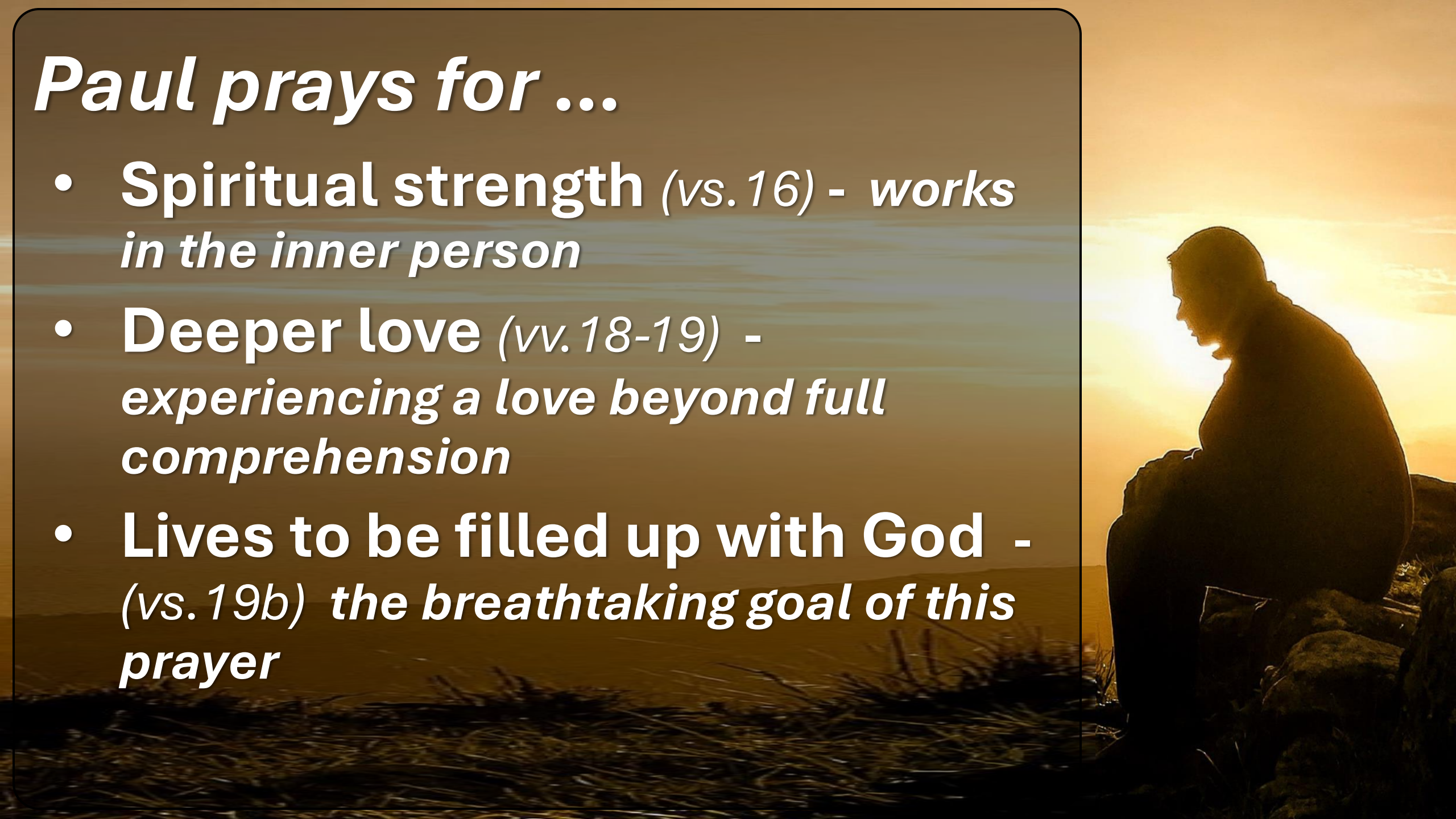
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3. **Ask for fulness you cannot manufacture** *(vs. 19b). "filled with all the fulness of God"*



Paul prays for …

- **Spiritual strength** *(vs.16)* - ***works in the inner person***
- **Deeper love** *(vv.18-19)* - ***experiencing a love beyond full comprehension***
- **Lives to be filled up with God** - *(vs.19b)* ***the breathtaking goal of this prayer***



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4. **Trust God for more than you can imagine** *(vs. 20-21). "unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"*




Expect great things from God,
attempt great things for God.
William Carey
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Three Heart Challenges

1) Pray deeper.

2) Pray bigger.

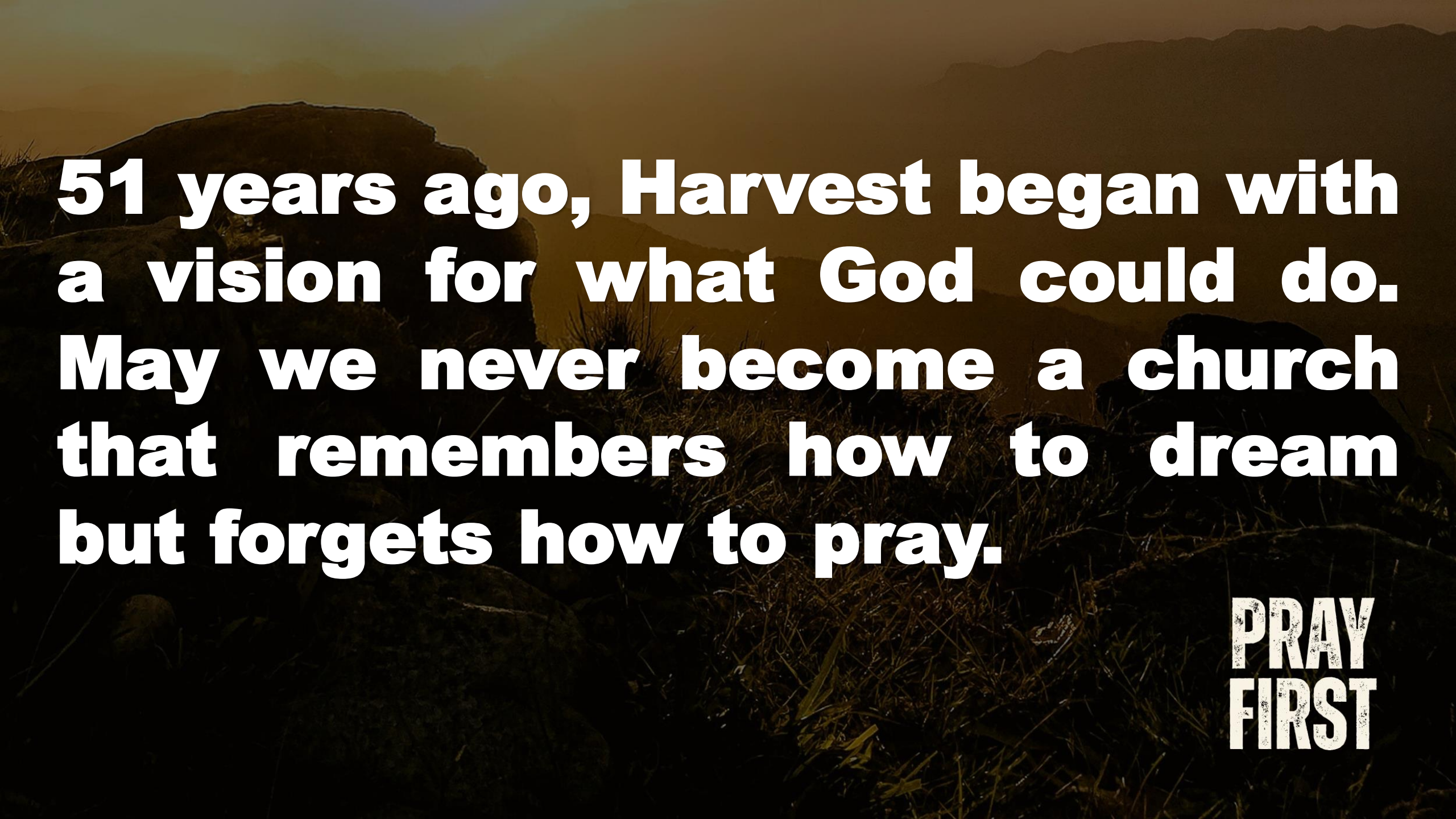
3) Pray forward.

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Three questions for heart examination:

1. Am I asking God to change my circumstances more than I am asking Him to change me?
2. Is my life full of activity but empty of the fulness of God?
3. What am I asking God to do that I know I could never accomplish without Him?




51 years ago, Harvest began with a vision for what God could do. May we never become a church that remembers how to dream but forgets how to pray.
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