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Understanding Who I Am

# Ephesians

Becoming Who We Are

**Giving Courage**

# Ephesians: Giving Courage 6:18-22



Series – Understanding – Becoming

Last Week – ‘finally’ vs. 10

- in a battle – able to stand
- armor of God – everything you need there
- prayer important – communication matters

Today – Giving Courage



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<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

<sup>21</sup> So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything.

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<sup>22</sup> I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

<sup>23</sup> Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>24</sup> Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.



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## 1. Prayer

### a) posture and process

- in the Spirit

- 1 John 5:14 “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”

- Alert

- on guard or aware

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## □ Persevering

- 4 times in previous verses – stand
- regular, repeatedly, respectfully

## □ Supplication for Saints

- says all saints – concern for extended family
- supply for all they face

## b) For Paul

- founding pastor, known and loved, asking for specific prayer as he is in chains



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## □ Words to Speak

- well spoken Paul asking

## □ Boldness to Proclaim

- saw miracles, experienced amazing things

## □ Mystery of Gospel Revealed

- only God opens eyes and ears

## □ Courage to do as I ought

- experience does not port into instant courage

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## 2. Presence 21-22

- no substitute for presence in relationship

### a) sending a person

- Tychicus – has a purpose in being sent

### b) important they understand

- how I am doing

- what I am doing

- how you can pray, support & participate



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## c) encourage your heart

- build one another up, bear with one another
- gives courage – you are not alone
- gives courage – God is at work
- gives courage – we are trusting together

## 3. Peace and Grace

- written to the church, believers
- asking God to effect internal realities here

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a) peace – shalom

- wholeness, inner at rest, complete

b) love with faith

- source important

- love carried forward into belief & action

c) grace – unmerited favor of God

- know his love and grace extended to you,  
and live in its glow



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## So What?

1. Review how you are invested in prayer
  - are you listening, responding, creating space?
  - do the terms alert, perseverance, describe you?
2. Review how you are praying for others
  - give words, boldness, open eyes, courage to do as they ought?
  - take a step, grab a card and actually write a worker telling them how you will pray for them

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3. The power of presence is real
  - will you allow God to challenge you here?
  - how can you participate differently? When they come to share with us? When we send others to them? Showing love with presence – allowing God to have some time.
4. Receive the Benediction