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Read Ephesians 3:14-21

1. Read 3:13 now.
2. What did Paul not want them to lose?
  - a. The Ephesians had become discouraged, partly due to Paul's sufferings. Perhaps they thought they were partly to blame.
3. Why?
  - a. Because a rumor had been spread that Paul had taken Trophimus (a gentile believer from Ephesus) into the Temple courts and now Paul was suffering for defending their share in the blessings of Christ.
4. What are the four things Paul asked for in this passage?
  - a. To be strengthened with power. - 3:16-17a
    - i. (Notice that Paul calls on every member of the Trinity!)
  - b. To be rooted and grounded in God's love. - 3:17b
    - i. (What metaphor does Paul draw on here? How is it helpful?)
  - c. To comprehend Christ's love. - 3:18-19a
    - i. (What is the paradox here? What of Christ's love does Paul speak?)
  - d. To fill us with God's fullness. - 3:19b
    - i. (The maximum experience of God's presence!)
5. Discuss all of the above and make application.
6. How would each of these be helpful to discouraged people?
7. What of this teaching do you need to apply to your life?