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January 15, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

Walking According to God's Purposes

“...I bow my knees to the Father... from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you... to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell [manifest His presence] in your hearts... that you... may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:14-19

Stage 4: The Fullness of God's Blessing in Each Season of Life

- Stage #4 (3:19) - We are equipped to walk in the fullness of God's purposes in each season of life.

“...that you may be filled with all the fullness of God [of our destiny].”

Ephesians 3:19

The full destiny for our life will only be released as we live in agreement with His leadership.

Ephesians 6:18-20—Praying for Boldness and Clarity

Those strengthened with might by the Spirit are able to walk in boldness and speak with clarity. Paul prayed for the saints and for himself to receive clear utterance and the grace of boldness. This is a very practical prayer to offer for yourself, your family, and friends.

“...taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one... praying always with all prayer...for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Ephesians 6:16-20

Boldness: To speak boldly includes courage and clarity instead of hesitation and uncertainty.

1. Boldness is more than a personality trait, but a supernatural grace of God that give us confidence in the moment that it is needed, instead of our natural tendency to feel intimidated.
2. The apostles prayed for the anointing of boldness to rest on them when facing persecutors.

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“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

Acts 4:29-30

3. Boldness is confidence that does not require a harsh tone change or a raised voice.
4. Paul needed boldness when attacked by the fiery darts of Satan while in prison (6:16).