



Superpower and Superglory

Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. ~ Ephesians 3:20-21

Discover the Context
Ephesians 3:14-21

 Take time today to write out some spiritual goals for the summer. These are goals that you want to see God do in your life. Make them specific so that in ten weeks you can go back and celebrate the accomplishments that God does in your life. For example, one goal could be persistence in praying every day so that prayer becomes a daily habit. Maybe a goal is for God to root out a sin that keeps you enslaved (the Wednesday theme on the seven deadly sins will help). Prayerfully develop your list, and then praise God for what He is going to do this summer through you and in you.

 “Man is never sufficiently touched and affected by the awareness of his lowly state until he has compared himself with God’s majesty.”
~ John Calvin
(1509-1564)

Over the years I’ve heard the phrase: camp is for the campers. It makes sense. We don’t pay counselors to run around and play Capture the Flag by themselves or go to swim in the pond with their friends. Instead, these staff give up their summers to work with kids and pour truth and love into their lives. I hope that’s why you came this year.

However, camp is not exclusively for the campers. You’re going to have some fun too! To be more specific, God isn’t limited in revealing Himself only to campers. Whether you run after kids, lead ropes courses, clean bathrooms, or wash dishes, God is giving you an incredible opportunity to experience His grace this summer.

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, finishes his beautiful description of God’s love for us by praising the Lord for what He is able to do. Now that takes faith. While Paul could have chosen to praise God for the many miraculous things He has already done, he instead decided to praise Him for what He is able to do in the days ahead. Paul looked forward to the future, purposefully choosing to focus on what’s coming. He described God’s future workings as “beyond all that we ask or think.”

I can’t imagine more exciting verses to read at the start of this summer. Each of you has a unique role at camp and each of you was chosen specifically by God to fill that role. He wants you at camp for the many things He has planned for you. I pray that as you dive headfirst into the craziness of camp that you will be able to look ahead and praise God for what He is going to do. Additionally as things get tiring, difficult, or exhausting, I pray that your minds return to this promise of God. In your toughest days of camp, I pray that you are reminded of God’s wonderful plan for your summer and how it is beyond what you could even ask or think. He has all power, and He deserves all the glory. Maybe camp is for Him. [DWL]