## YOUR WILDEST IMAGINATION PAUL'S ADVICE FOR TOUGH TIMES: GET A GRIP!

Ephesians 3:10-21

- 1. Paul writes from <u>prison</u> to Christians he loves and admits the obvious: "Things look bad." Eph. 3:1 & 14
- 2. He <u>encourages</u> them with his own <u>surprising</u>

  <u>history</u>: "If God can <u>use</u> me, He can

  <u>really use you!</u>" Eph. 3:7-10 & I Cor. 15:9-10
- 3. But to do this, Paul prays that we get a grip
   on some things... Eph. 3:14-19
   Get a grip on the power of the Christ's Spirit in you.

   Get a grip on God's love and grace for you.

4. When we get that good <u>grip</u>, it enables us to handle <u>big swings</u> and handle <u>big challenges!</u>

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen . Ephesians 3:20-21

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