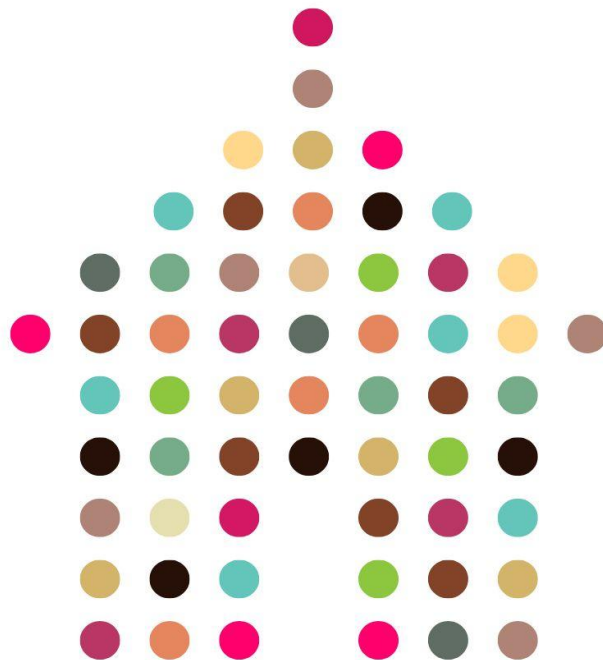




EPHESIANS

We are Jesus' Church

GIVING (& RECEIVING)
THE WORDS WE NEED

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord,
beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling,
for you have been called by God.

-Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)



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Parakaleō beg / urge / beseech



Parakaleō

para beside, near, with, alongside

kaleō to call aloud, to invite, to give or receive a name

to comfort

to encourage, strengthen

to exhort, beg/plead, implore, urge



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the words we need:

not “*you oughta*”, but rather “*let us*”



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Ephesians 3 (NLT)

¹⁶ I pray that... he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹ Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.



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**the words we need come from the context of
*what God has done (and is doing)***



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the words we need are tied to the specific
human relationships God has developed



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egō I

ho desmios en kyrios a prisoner for Christ

axiōs peripateō to walk worthy (of the calling)



How do we give/receive the words we need?

1. Know what God has already done
2. Be present to the specific human relationship God has formed
3. Align with God's present calling

Invitation (Let's Practice)

- Take some quiet time to ponder words we need to either give or receive.
 - Consider what God has already done (context).
 - Reflect on the specific human relationship(s) involved.
 - Ask Jesus to align the words with what He is now doing.
- Follow through as needed!

