

SPEAKER: NAT CRAWFORD Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Scripture: Ephesians 3:20-21

TITLE: Greater Than Your Wildest Dreams

Have you ever seen someone with a really bad haircut and wondered, "Did they do that themselves?" I have. It's not very often, but in 2020, a lot more people were doing self haircuts, and it showed. If the Flowbee were still a thing, that would have been a hot Amazon purchase in 2020.

But here's the reality: there are things we cannot do and should not do, because we do not have the power or ability to do them. This is true for haircuts, surgeries, and even our spiritual transformation.

What do I mean by that? Let's look at Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT), as Paul explains:

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.

Paul says, *Glory to God*. In other words, "Praise God. I worship You, and You deserve our worship, because You alone are the One who has the power to work in us, to change us to accomplish more than we could ever think of, or know to ask."

You see, we are not surgeons, so we should be attempting surgery on ourselves. Even if you are a surgeon, you shouldn't be performing surgery on yourself. You maybe are a stylist, but let me tell you, trying to cut your hair in a mirror could be quite a challenge. So though these scenarios are possible, they aren't desirable for the best results.

But when it comes to our spiritual surgery or our spiritual transformation, we cannot do it. We have no skills or ability. God wants great things in us and through us, but we need to be willing and available.

You see, today, you may feel like a failure or not meeting your potential. Well, maybe it's because God isn't done with you yet, but you haven't made a home for Christ in your heart. We talked about this a couple of days ago. Yes, you know Christ, but you're not walking with Him. You don't really know Him and love Him. You like Jesus, but you're not interested in following Him. Well, as the phrase goes, "It takes two to tango."

Paul says, God's got "mighty power" – that's the Greek word we translate *dynamite* - and God can "work" - or the Greek word we translate *energy*. God's got some dynamite energy He wants to release, if we'll let Him.

So if you're feeling less than what you're called to be, this is my challenge for you: surrender your life to the Spirit of God. Jesus didn't just save you *from* something; He saved you *for* something, far greater than you ever imagined.

You may never be a millionaire, the CEO of a company, or a professional dancer, but God has dynamite plans for you that bring Him glory. But in order for that to happen, you need to surrender your plans and your life to Him. Ask God to show you what it is you need to do, so He can transform you into the person He saved you to be. And then get ready, because what He has in store is greater than your wildest dreams.

Let Go. Let God. Let the Glory be all to Him!