

## LIVING IN THE ZONE!

What Great Things Will God Do in 2024

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**Text:** Ephesians 3:20–21 and selected passages

**Truth Points:** What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. What is meant by “living in the zone”? List your top five God events that you wish you could have been a part of in Biblical history. Reflect on how many missed the moment that lived on the earth in those days and on those who resisted what God was doing at that moment in history. How does Jesus address this in Matthew 23:29–30?
2. What three things do we learn about God in Ephesians 3:20–21?
  - Our God is \_\_\_\_\_.
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3. Why are these seven key principles necessary to know and understand how to live in the offensive zone? Define and describe each of them and give one example for each:
  - You are not the boss!
  - Build!
  - Don't believe the lie!
  - You will never regret it!
  - Be assured: it's worth the price!
  - Get dirty!
  - Don't be an old bag!

**Reflection Points:** How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. What zone (defense, neutral, offensive) is my natural position? Am I honoring God as I should? How would I know?
2. What keeps me from the offensive zone? Who in history lived in the offensive zone that has most impacted me? Is God calling me to admire this person or to mimic them? What is the difference and why is it important?
3. What is my next step to be in the offensive zone in 2024? Where is God working? Will I join Him, oppose Him, or be indifferent to Him? How should I act now?

**Action Points:** What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read** Philippians 1–4.
2. **Reflect** on Ephesians 3:20–21 every day this week.
3. **Memorize:** Ephesians 3:20–21 (NASB95) — Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.
4. **Ask** yourself three questions every day this week:
  - What zone do I normally live in (defense, natural, or offensive)?
  - How can I live more in the offensive zone in 2024?
  - Which of the seven key principles do I need to apply today?
5. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2024.