October 4, 2026
Series: Seeing the Unseen
Title: Praying in Faith (Part 1)
Text: **Ephesians 5:15–21**

Introduction:

Theme: Prayer is more than asking God for what we want—it is learning to **walk wisely**, live under the control of the Holy Spirit, think with the mind of Christ, and continually move forward in our relationship with God.

I. Praying In Faith Requires A Strong Sense Of The Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 - *18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation (**a waste → you will ruin your life,**) ; but be filled with the Spirit.*

A. We must recognize the Spirit's presence.

B. We must respond to the Spirit's leading.

C. We must continually seek to be filled.

D. A Spirit-filled prayer life produces a Spirit-filled life

II. Praying In Faith Requires A Commitment To Pray With The Mind Of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16 - *16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*

A. Prayer changes our perspective

B. The mind of Christ changes what we pray for

C. The Word of God shapes the mind of Christ

III. Praying In Faith Gives Us A Strong Sense Of Moving Upward And Forward

Philippians 3:13–14 - *13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

A. Leave yesterday behind → *forgetting those things which are behind*

B. Reach toward what God has ahead → *reaching forward to those things which are ahead*

C. Press forward → *14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*