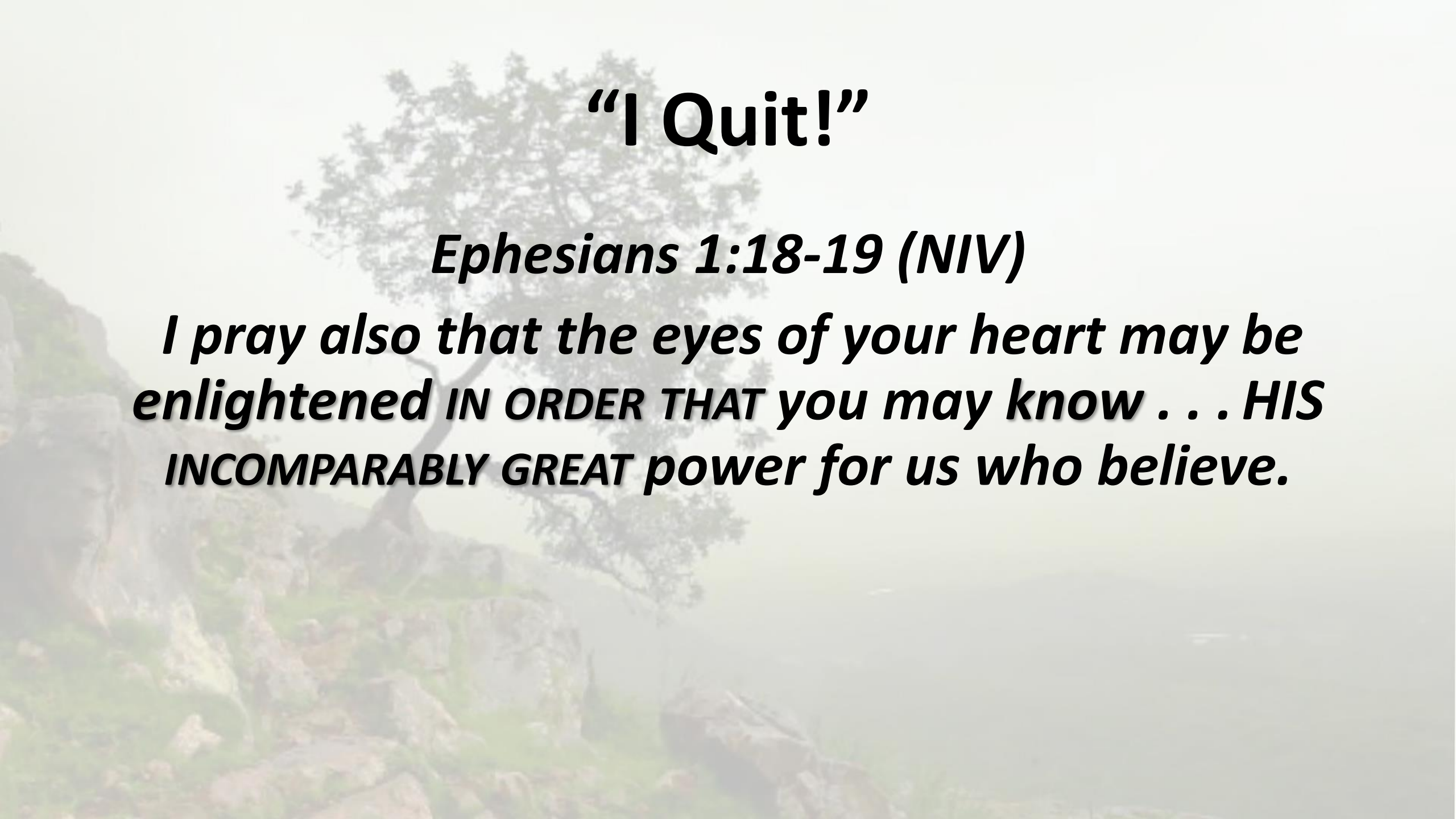




JOURNEY:

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Our Birthright!***



“I Quit!”

Ephesians 1:18-19 (NIV)

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A misty landscape with a large tree on a rocky hillside. The scene is hazy, with a large tree in the foreground on the left, and a rocky, grassy slope leading down to a valley. The background is a soft, hazy expanse of hills and sky.

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Ephesians 1:19-21

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- God's power is *absolute*.
- God's power *saved us*.
- God's power *is saving us*.

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1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)

*May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you
THROUGH AND THROUGH. May your whole
spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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*“If we let Him—**for we can prevent Him, if we choose**—He **WILL** make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly His own boundless power and delight and goodness. The process will be long and in parts very painful; but that is what we are in for. Nothing less.”*

—C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

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- God's power is *absolute*.
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- God's power *is saving us*.
- God's power *will deliver us*.

Ephesians 1:19-23

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²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and
dominion, and every title that can be given, not only
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God placed all things under his feet and appointed
him to be head over everything for the church, ²³
which is his body, the fullness of him who fills
everything ***in every way.******

Claim Your Birthright

- Clarify reality.
- Bow down.
- Stand up.
- Stand in community.

Diving Deeper

- *Have you ever wanted to quit? In which areas?*
- *Identify those issues that are sabotaging God's power in your life that you need to confront. Consider wrong beliefs, specific sins, passivity, or complacency that need to be exposed.*
- *The following areas are places where our Father may be challenging you. Read through these verses and identify next steps our Father may be challenging you to take where you will need His power.*
 - *Exposing and confronting our specific inclinations to sin (Psalm 139:23-24; Romans 7:21-25)*
 - *Repenting of specific act/habits of sin (1 Peter 2:11; Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:1-8)*
 - *One or two areas you want to see conformed to the image of Jesus where you're willing to lean into over the next three months (Romans 8:28-30)*
 - *Areas where you can begin to participate in God's mission for your life (Matthew 5:13-16, 28:19-20; Hebrews 13:20-21)*
- *Name one or two people you will work through these questions with.*