

13—Too Deep for Words

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INTRO:

I. → Romans 8:26-27

*In the same way the Spirit also **helps** our weakness; for we do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself **intercedes** with groanings too deep for words; and He who **searches** the hearts **knows** what the mind of the Spirit is, because He **intercedes** on behalf of the saints before God.*

BODY:

I. Searching Our Hearts

*and He who searches the hearts
with groanings too deep for words*

A. Only the Spirit knows what is deep with out hearts.

1) **1 Corinthians 14:2**

For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

2) GRANT ESBORG FALLING FROM THE TREE

B. There are some prayers that words cannot express.

1) **Matthew 6:7-8**

*“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”
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2) DAD HOLDING ME TIGHT

II. Knowing His Mind

*for we do not know **what** (tis) we ought to pray for
knows **what** (tis) the mind of the Spirit is*

- A. The Holy Spirit can reveal to us the mind of God on a matter.
- 1) **1 Corinthians 2:11**
For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
 - 2) **GETTING A WORD FOR THE VANCOUVER CHURCH**
 - 3) **James 3:17-18**
But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.
- B. If we want to hear His voice we have to be willing to listen.
- 1) **John 10:27-28**
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.
 - 2) **GOD IS SPEAKING—ARE YOU LISTENING**

III. Interceding Through Us

*because according (kata) to God
He intercedes on behalf of (huper) the saints*

- A. The Holy Spirit is the greatest advocate we could ever have.
- 1) Greeks used *Parakletos*, Latin Fathers used *Advocatus*
 - 2) **Romans 8:34**
Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
 - 3) **MOLLY AND JENNY ADVOCATING IN JAMAICA**
- B. He empowers us to intercede for the people we love.
- 1) **Ephesians 6:18**
And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
 - 2) **LORETTA HOPKINS PRAYER LIST**