



# Church As...

*Soil for Transformation*

<sup>16</sup> I pray that... he may **strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,** <sup>17</sup> so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith.

And I pray that you...**know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the **fullness of God.**

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able **to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**, according to his power that is at work within us,...

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<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

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*“I propose that the church ought to be led by a Spirit-gifted polycentric team of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who model and equip their fellow priests in the communal way of life patterned after our Triune God. Then we can more fully follow Christ into the world for the sake of the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit, where we seek to join God in the renewal of all things.”*

(JR Woodward)

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*We grow so we can minister.  
We minister so others can grow.*

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# TRUTH SPEAKING

## (in love)

<sup>15</sup> ...**speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

*...confess your sins to each other and pray for  
each other so that you may be healed.*

James 5:16

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