

# THEREFORE

A BIBLE STUDY ON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

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## FRAGMENT 9: LOVING GOD – HEART, SOUL AND MIND

*The one faith in one Lord equips people to claim their freedom. God desires and seeks a relationship with his children. Faith is how God's children participate in the relationship that begins when we accept God's acceptance and forgiveness. We receive the gift through justification and live the gift through sanctification. Just as Jacob was transformed physically and spiritually, in Genesis 32:22-32 when he wrestled with an angel, a relationship with God can include struggle and that struggle will transform you.*

### FOLLOW ALONG:

Watch the ninth fragment of Steve Manskar's Bible study and fill in the \_\_\_\_\_.

We receive the faith through \_\_\_\_\_ and live the faith through sanctification.

Faith is like \_\_\_\_\_ with God whose nature and name is Love.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ body, Spirit, hope, faith, baptism, and Lord because there is \_\_\_\_\_ God who is \_\_\_\_\_ in Trinity and \_\_\_\_\_ with his church and the world.

The Holy Spirit is God at work in each \_\_\_\_\_.

The three prepositions Paul uses: above, \_\_\_\_\_, and in reveals God's triune and relational nature.

### STRETCH IN THE SPIRIT:

Engage God. What questions or stumbling blocks might be keeping you from fully engaging in all that God has called you to be. Dive in and wrestle with God, express all your emotions and ask the deep questions. How might daring to struggle affect your faith?

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. In what way does your faith bring you a sense of freedom?
2. How would you describe God's gift of grace to those who might never have experienced it?
3. As a church, how do you deepen people's understanding and experience of prevention, justifying, and sanctifying grace?

