God strengthens our influence for Jesus' kingdom by increasing our obedience to his will.

1. The Big Ask: Raise the bar of what we desire from God, 1:9-12

a. The primary wish, 1:9-10a to be filled with the knowledge of God's will (a more comprehensive obedience and more extensive loyalty to the person of Jesus)

b. The specific wants, 1:10b-12 we produce fruit for God's kingdom

we grow further in God's knowledge

we remain strong with God's power

we give praise to God's name

2. The Major Transition: Relish the status of where we stand through Jesus, 1:13-14

a. The new residence, 1:13 the ultimate transfer: from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of God's beloved Son

b. The new freedom, 1:14 redemption = forgiveness of our sins