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For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

EPHESIANS 3:1-4



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which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 3:5-6



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I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

EPHESIANS 3:7-9



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His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

EPHESIANS 3:10-13



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RECEIVING THE MESSAGE IS JUST
THE STARTING POINT;
TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES
INTERNALIZATION.



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I STALL WHEN I AM STRUGGLING.
I STALL WHEN I AM COMFORTABLY
COMPLACENT.



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For this reason I kneel before the Father, from
whom every family in heaven and on earth derives
its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he
may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in
your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being
rooted and established in love, may have power,
together with all the Lord's holy people,

EPHESIANS 3:14-19



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to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is
the love of Christ, and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the
measure of all the fullness of God. 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, to him be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever
and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:19-21



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