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THE STATEMENT: PARADOX, PATTERN, PURPOSE

After explaining God's electing grace, how God has blessed believers in the heavenly places, according to the purpose of God's will. Then, Paul says believers have redemption through his blood, forgiveness of trespasses, and all this is according to the riches of God's grace. So, the Ephesians are enlightened to God's plan and thier purpose.

However, in Eph 3:1, Paul writes that he is imprisoned. So, how then is God's plan so wonderful and glorious?

This is where Paul ensures that he makes a statement, or an important point, about the paradox of his ministry, we see the pattern that Paul describes himself – and likewise yourself. We are weak vessels, used by God in difficult situations, so that God's grace and strength would be displayed to the rest of the world.

Let's look Ephesians 3:1-13 to see the paradox, pattern, and purpose of lowly and weak Christians to find their place and purpose in God's glorious grand plan.

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READ THE TEXT

Ephesians 3:1-13

DISCUSSION

Any thoughts, questions, highlights, or comments on today's message?

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What do we learn about people?
3. What do we learn about relating to God?
4. What do we learn about relating to others?

APPLYING THE TEXT

1. What does God want me to understand?
2. What does God want me to believe?
3. What does God want me to desire?
4. What does God want me to do?