

# PURPOSE

ENGAGING OUR CALLING

EPHESIANS 3 & 4

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# ENGAGING A PURPOSE BEYOND US

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but  
whoever loses their life for me will find it. (Jesus in  
Matthew 16:25)



**THE PROBLEM:  
WE CHOSE OURSELVES OVER GOD**

**“He who *separates himself* seeks *his own* desire, He quarrels against all sound wisdom.”**

(Proverbs 18:1)

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<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that **was given to me for you**, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

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<sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the **mystery of Christ**, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> **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**.**

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<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> 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**, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this **mystery**, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

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<sup>10</sup> 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,

<sup>11</sup> according to his eternal **purpose** that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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<sup>12</sup> In him and **through faith in him** we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.



A person stands on the peak of a dark, jagged rock formation that juts out into the ocean. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise. The ocean is a mix of deep blue and lighter, shimmering tones, with white foam from waves crashing against the base of the cliff. In the distance, a large, rounded rock formation is visible on the horizon. The overall mood is one of solitude and achievement.

**WE CELEBRATE MOST FULLY  
THE MOST CHALLENGING VICTORIES**

**DIFFICULTY AND CHALLENGE CREATE  
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISPLAY  
THE GLORY OF GOD**





**31 SO WHETHER YOU EAT OR  
DRINK OR WHATEVER YOU DO,  
DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF  
GOD.**

**1 Corinthians 10:31**