**Ephesians Series: Sit. Walk. Stand.**

**Title: God’s Grace in High Definition**

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**Text: Ephesians 3:1-13**

**1. Don’t be discouraged by the difficulties of life.**

***Ephesians 3:1-13***

*For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—*

***13****I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.*

**2. God’s grand mystery is complete unity.**

***2****Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you,* ***3****that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.* ***4****In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,* ***5****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.* ***6****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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**3. When grace is received, it shows up in obvious ways.**

***7****I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power.* ***8****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,* ***9****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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**4. The church displays God’s brilliance.**

***10****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,* ***11****according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.* ***12****In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.*

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