

## STUDY #10: EPHESIANS 3:1-13 "ONE CHANGED LIFE"

### Prayer Meeting

LIGHT SHINES THE BRIGHTEST IN THE DEEPEST DARKNESS - UNIVERSE

THE DARKNESS: 95% dark matter/en - 5% matter – vast darkness and the fewness of stars - The power of one light one star shining - attention is drawn to the light

### Single solitary star is powerful – PICTURE

PAUL – he was darkness that was transformed into a child of light – GOSPEL POWER

- CALLING TO BRING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE VAST DARKNESS OF GENTILES

**MP: Don't underestimate the power of the gospel to change a life and for that life to change the world.**

PAUL – ONE CHANGED LIFE : road to Damascus, unlikely calling, revelation of mystery

Acts 26:12 "In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. <sup>13</sup> At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. <sup>14</sup> And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' <sup>15</sup> And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. <sup>16</sup> But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

### TESTIMONY

**THE WORD IS OUT** - Hey you have probably heard what God did

First half – transformation – KILLER XIANS – TERRORIST – HELL BENT DESTROY

- INTERVENTION – JESUS INTERVENTION – HIS OWN TESTIMONY

Testimony: Your story of meeting Jesus and discovering life in Him through a personal encounter and experience. LIFE IN THIS LIFE AND THE NEXT LIFE (JOHN 17:3)

2 Thess 1:10 When he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

1 John 5:11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

<sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

- THAT IS R TESTIMONY – Unique Journey – ALL TESTIMONIES GOOD TEST...
  - o SORDID LIFESTYLES JESUS RESCUES – kids in xian homes...

I need to go out and sin to give Jesus something to rescue me from. So I can have a testimony – **CONTRAST PAUL AND JOHN – some of us are Pauls some are Johns**

The greatness of the story is that Jesus meets us right where we are and gives us life while we were living in death. Jesus is the One who makes the difference. **BAPTISM**

- **Point in Time:** Where You chose to be all in

### CALLING

**ENTRUSTED WITH A SPECIFIC CALLING** - Second half - the calling

- PAUL I HAVE A PLAN FOR UR LIFE – Into darkness bring light to Gentiles

- PAUL wholeheartedly lived out – relentless, reckless abandonment
- Stewardship of God’s grace given to me for you
  - REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY – RESPONSIBILITY DELIVER

Calling: God’s purpose for His children to fulfill His mission through a unique plan that He has for each of them.

### **GOD HAS GIVEN A UNIQUE CALLING TO EACH OF HIS CHILDREN**

- **It Is Entrusted:** God-given – For u Discover – prayer, Word, obedience, faith. ppl
- **Sometimes Unlikely:** Open Hands – matter of faith – PAUL TO GENTILES

Be prepared for God to do the unexpected. To put you in situations that don’t make human sense.

- **For Others:** not just for ur fulfillment/advancement/identity/flourishing
  - IT COST PAUL – don’t sorrow over my suffering – **IT IS FOR YOU**

Your calling is given to you by God not for your sake but for the sake of others.

THEOLOGY OF WORK: **All callings are equal in value in the eyes of God and man.**

Nurse. Construction. Student. Real Estate. Hospitality. Sales. Pastor. UFC gym. **GOD’S WILL**

There can be no disconnect between your eternal salvation and the purpose God intends for you to live out in this life. **ONE AND THE SAME. TOO MANY CHRISTIANS LIFE DISC>**

### **PURPOSE**

BRING LIGHT TO EVERYONE - An understanding for all people...**NEW ERA USHERED**  
 Gospel power knows no limitations except the unwillingness to believe.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THROUGH THE CHURCH.....not just individual light – **WE SHINE COLLECTIVELY**

- ALL KNOW: Wisdom of God made manifest rulers/authorities heavenly places
  - **THE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS**

God wants all of the demonic powers to know exactly how majestic he is.

Nurse. Construction. Student. Real Estate. Hospitality. Sales. Pastor. Worship leader.

WHEN EVERYONE SHINES – It’s one thing when it’s one light – **MANY STARS SHINE**

Ephesians 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

### **The power of many stars shining in the darkness – PIC MANY STARS**

- WE EXIST TO SHINE THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD FOR ALL CREATION

That’s when the light becomes brighter than the deepest darkness.

Daniel 12:3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.