

MY SUFFERING = YOUR GLORY

Ephesians 3:1-13 – Pastor Nick Thompson

I. Paul's suffering is the result of God's gracious commission.

II. Paul's suffering is in service of God's revealed mystery.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter?
2. Why does Paul wait to tell the Ephesians about his prayer? What does he need to explain to them?
3. What are the reasons Paul gives for why the church should not lose heart over his suffering?
4. Why does Paul call himself "the least of all the saints"? What does this show us about Paul's heart [hint: think about our AM sermon series]?
5. What is persecution? And how does this passage encourage us even in the face of it?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Does the thought of potential future persecution for the American church cause me to be fearful or downcast?
2. How does Paul's ministerial vision give me confidence in the midst of a hostile world?
3. Am I willing to suffer for Christ, trusting that His eternal purpose is better than anything I could conjure up?