## A Life Worthy of the Calling Week 7 – Called to Confidence 7-26-20

**Series Verse:** "Live a life worthy of the calling you have received."

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

"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. <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 men 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."

Ephesians 3:2-6 (NIV)

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"Let us observe, that the conversion of the Gentile world to the faith of Christ was an adorable mystery, and we ought to bless God for it. Who would have imagined that those who had been so long in the dark, and at so great a distance, would be enlightened with the marvelous light, and be made nigh? Let us learn hence not to despair of the worst, of the worst of persons, and the worst of nations. Nothing is too hard for divine grace to do: none so unworthy but God may please to confer great grace upon them."

- Matthew Henry

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Messenger.

"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 God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable 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."

Ephesians 3:7-9 (NIV)

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"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 which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIV)

- \* The Church is the agent to share His \_\_\_\_\_!
- **4.** Source \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - \* God is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

"In him and through faith in him we may Approach God with freedom and confidence."

Ephesians 3:12-13 (NIV)

## **Reflection Questions:**

- \* What are my sources?
- \* What validates the authority of my sources?
- \* What source changes do I need to make?
- \* What kind of source am I for others?