

Sunday Supplement – Ephesians 3:7–13

“Bold Access”

Sermon Summary

1. Demolition: “I don’t belong in God’s presence.”

Paul demolishes the lie that our failures, shame, or unworthiness keep us from God. Grace brings us near before we have anything to offer.

2. Foundation: You have bold access.

Through Jesus Christ, believers already have access to the Father. We approach God not because we earned entry, but because Christ opened the way.

3. Rebuild: Confidence in prayer reshapes the whole house of your life.

When we believe we truly belong, prayer becomes structural rather than decorative. It reshapes our hearts, daily rhythms, relationships, decisions, and response to suffering.

4. Renovation: Humble courage expresses a devoted prayer life.

A renovated heart no longer hides from God. It prays sooner, repents faster, worships more freely, and lives confidently in God’s presence.

Reflection Questions

- Where do I still believe the lie that I do not belong in God’s presence?
- How does Ephesians 3:12 challenge my assumptions about prayer?
- What keeps me from approaching God with boldness and confidence?
- How might my daily routines change if I truly believed I have access to God at any moment?
- In what area of suffering or struggle do I need to remember that God has not shut me out?

Suggested Next Steps

1. Begin each day this week with a simple prayer: “Father, thank You that I belong in Your presence through Christ.”
2. Spend five uninterrupted minutes each day in honest conversation with God.
3. Read Ephesians 3:7–13 every day and underline words related to grace, access, confidence, and purpose.
4. Replace self-condemning thoughts with the truth of verse 12: “In Christ, I have bold access to God.”
5. Pray intentionally for one person who feels far from God and invite them into Christian community.