

Before I Pray: Embrace Access and Encouragement Through Suffering Ephesians 3:12-13

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LESSON: To Know	Why You Should Embrace Access and Encouragemen	nt Through Suffering
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Grand Summary of verses 1-13:

- 1. GCCLB has the honor of standing with Christ on God's divine theater
- 2. We are already united in Christ
- 3. Because Christ is the center of God's plan, we are central to it
- 4. Suffering and glory are as united as Christ is to His sacrifice on the cross

John R. W. Stott: "...if the church is central to God's purpose...it must surely also be central to our lives" (Stott, 129).

"How can we take lightly what God takes so seriously" (Stott).