**Title:***The****Resolve****of Reconciliation*

**Scripture:**Ephesians 3:1-13

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**Big Idea:**Life can be hard, complicated, and confusing…our **resolve** must be in the Gospel.

**Outline**
1. Resolved: Conviction from Authority (1-5)
2. Resolved: Identity from Testimony (6-8)
3. Resolved: Perspective from Purpose (9-12)
4. Resolved: Living from Learning (13)

***WHAT DID YOU LEARN?***

1. What does it mean to be “resolved”? How can being “resolved” affect your confidence?

2. What would you say is *your*“purpose” in life? Ephesians 3:11 talks about God’s *eternal* purpose. How can this give you confidence? How can you grow in your understanding of God’s purposes?

***HOW WILL YOU APPLY IT?***

**Confess**

1. What resources do you turn to for confidence? Is confidence in your life a constant or does it come and go? How do we make Christ our confidence in our lives?

2. Are you discouraged in your suffering? How can the truths from vv. 12 give you confidence to persevere in your suffering?

**Renew Your Mind**

1. What sources of authority do *you*recognize in *your*life? Why is God the ultimate authority for our lives? Why is authority important when you are trying to make sense of your life in difficult times?

2. How could what the Bible says about you before and after your conversion provide incredible confidence no matter what identity you have in the horizontal? What personal identities (past or present) have you found confidence in (school, work, family, etc.)?

***Live It Out***

Paul gives personal testimony of God’s grace to spread the Gospel to the Gentiles. Pray fervently for one person who you want to see saved. Prepare yourself on how you will share the Gospel with this person if you have a chance. Pray for boldness and confidence to share the Gospel.

***READ AHEAD***

Read Ephesians 3:14-21. What does Paul ask for the Ephesian believers in his prayer?