## Growing Up How He Uses Us

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## **MESSAGE NOTES**

Ephesians 3:1-13

1. God wants to use you **DESPITE** who you are.

2. God wants to use you **<u>BECAUSE</u>** of who you are.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- When you were a kid, what did you want to be?
- 2. Before reading Ephesians 3:1-13, look back over chapter 2 and describe Paul's line of thinking leading into chapter 3.
- 3. Read Ephesians 3:1-13. Trace and discuss the following themes through the passage:
  - a. Paul's suffering (Read Acts 28 to learn more)
  - b. Paul's unique ministry
  - c. Paul's humility
- 4. Damien offered two practical reminders:
  - a. God wants to use us despite us.
  - b. God wants to use us because of us.
- 5. How does the gospel make it possible for both of these statements to be true?
- 6. What does the statement, "Your baptism is your ordination service," mean?
- 7. What does it mean for you personally to say, "Here I am, Lord."
- For additional reading on people who said, "Here I am," read: Genesis 22, Exodus 3, I Samuel 3.