



**SERIES: Ephesians**

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**Scripture: Ephesians 3:6-7**

**TITLE: That Isn't My Job, Or Is It?**

“That’s not my job.” Have you ever heard that?

Imagine those words coming from a hospital room. The patient is crying out, “Help! Will someone help me?” A doctor down the hall hears the patient, but instead of running to their side, just walks nonchalantly past the room .... and when a nurse stops him and asks, “Why aren’t you helping that patient?” The doctor responds with, “Hey, not my patient. Not my job.”

Wow, what an attitude! As Christians we never want that attitude. We want to see serving God as a privilege wherever and whenever He calls!

Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3.

“And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.” (Eph. 3:6-7, NLT)

I love what Paul just said here in verse 7, “By God’s grace”. In other words, through a free gift from God, but not just the gift, but also by His power.

Have you ever received a gift from someone, and as you opened it, it said, “Batteries not included.” Oh man, that is so frustrating. “Hey! Here’s this great gift. Hurry up and don’t use it!” It’s like this past August, my son received an electric scooter that you had to charge like 5 hours before using. It was a great gift, but it had no power.

God doesn’t do that. God’s gift is fully charged, and has the batteries taped on the box.

But what is this gift that is fully powered? The privilege of serving Him, by spreading this Good News. What’s the Good News? It’s the Gospel of Jesus Christ: That Christ came, died, and rose again for our sins. We have the privilege of serving the God of the Universe, by sharing His gift with everyone we meet. You see, that doctor I mentioned at the beginning of our time, forgot the privilege of being a servant, not just to his patient, but to ALL patients.

We, too, have the privilege of serving God. Today, you may be saying, “God, I’m not an evangelist. It’s not my job.” Well, you may not be an evangelist, but according to Paul in 2 Timothy 4, we are all called to do the work of an evangelist. So wherever you go and whatever you do, remember to do the work of an evangelist. That is a privilege and an act of service to our King.

Maybe you're afraid of being rejected. Maybe you're tired of trying to reach your mother with the Gospel. You're tired of sharing Christ with your son or daughter. You're afraid of being fired for sharing the Gospel at work. Remember, God is providing the opportunity and the power to do the job. Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power [of God] for salvation to everyone who believes..." (ESV) We don't have the power. We don't have to be afraid. We don't have to worry about not having enough juice in the tank. God provides the power.

My challenge for you today, is to keep serving God by sharing the Good News. Who is that one person you pray for their Salvation? Who is that person you want so bad to know Jesus as Savior? Whoever that person is, reach out to them today. Share the Good News in His power. And watch the Spirit work.