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<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. <sup>13</sup> So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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**To me – A Passive Recipient**

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**To Me – A Powerful Provider**

# **An Appropriate Application**

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**Through Me - Proclamation**

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**Through Me – Revelation**



Doubled Back

# Community on Display

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**Through me – It's about us, not me**

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Through Me – Display “A coat of many colors”

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The word for “manifold” means many colors and was used to describe flowers, crowns, embroidered cloth and woven carpets. A similar word was used to describe the robe Jacob gave his youngest son Joseph. The church as a multi-racial, multi-cultural community is like a beautiful tapestry. Its members come from a wide range of colorful

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backgrounds. No other human community resembles it. Its diversity and harmony are unique. It is God's new society. And the many colored fellowship of the church is a reflection of the many-colored wisdom of God.”

—John Stott

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- One thing I can do to build community