

The Apostle Paul wrote the book of Ephesians as a letter to the church in Ephesus. He wanted to remind them of the great blessings that come with being “in Christ” and help the church remember the good and beautiful works of God and His purposes in the world. As we study Ephesians, we will remember the Gospel as the good story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We, too, receive great blessing by being in Christ and because of what He has done for us, everything changes.

New to daily devotionals? Here are a few tips for this week:

- Set aside time each day to work through your devotional – schedule it if you need to! Spend time sitting quietly and open in prayer to settle yourself. Read the passage and reread it as many times as you need. Contemplate and answer the questions as they are helpful.
- Ask yourself, what about this passage is like what I already believe? What might I need to remember? What might God be calling my attention to? What is here that I might need to rediscover or reimagine?
- Try to recollect your devotional time throughout your day, sharing your experiences with family and friends if you’re able, to continue the process.

Monday, August 26th

Read Ephesians 3:1-13

The mystery of salvation has been made known – all people are fellow heirs to the Kingdom of God. Talk about good news! Paul says his calling is to bring that good news to all people (v.9). How have you shared this good news with the people around you?

If the eternal purpose of God is to make all these good things known (v.11), how should that inform the way we live our lives?

What stops you from acting with boldness in faith (v.12)? What are you rediscovering about the gospel that might allow you to reimagine what boldness could look like in your life?

If our boldness and suffering is for God’s glory, what encouragement do you need to make it “worth it”? Ask God to give you that encouragement.

Tuesday, August 27th

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

How much of God’s love do you think you have discovered in your life? If someone younger than you asked you to describe God’s love, what would you say?

What might you need to start doing, stop doing or continue to do in order to encounter the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ’s love? What are you hoping to rediscover?

Are there people in your life that you could pray this prayer for? Who might God be placing in your life or reminding you of? How much of God’s love do you think they’ve discovered?

To “dwell” means to “settle and make oneself at home.” Have you found Christ to be settled in your heart? Is that a decision you’d like to make?

Wednesday, August 28th

Read Ephesians 4:1-16

If someone asked you what it meant to live your life worthy of your calling, what would you tell them? What does Paul call God’s people to? Do you find it easy or challenging?

If all of God’s people were unified in the way that Paul explains, living their lives worthy of God’s calling, what impact would that have on the world? How might you need to reimagine what impact your life could have?

When have you felt tossed in the waves during your walk with Jesus? What was that experience like? How did you make it through?

Who has spoken truth in love in your life? What impact did it have? What might you need to rediscover about truth-telling?

What part do you think God is asking you to be in the body? How can you serve and help the body grow and build itself up in love?

Thursday, August 29th

Read Ephesians 4:17-24

Paul explains that some people choose to follow their own ideas and opinions, what feels good and pleasurable in the moment. When do you feel tempted to follow your own ideas and preferences? How has Christ encouraged you in those moments?

What has it looked like for you to put off your old self and be renewed? How do you make space in your life for your mind to be renewed? What might be waiting for you to rediscover if you prioritized renewal?

Where have you seen God creating your new self? What encouragement has it offered you? Have you seen God renew someone else? Have you encouraged them?

Friday, August 30th

Read Ephesians 4:25-32

Why do you think Paul says that settling differences and being in right relationship with one another is so important? What foothold might the enemy have in the midst of disagreements? Is there someone in your life you might need to reconcile with?

What kind of words come out of your mouth? Do your words build others up? If they don't, what's behind that? What does it look like for you to proclaim the good news with every word?

How could the words of our mouth grieve the Holy Spirit? What might our positive words encourage others to rediscover?

When has forgiveness changed your relationship? Is there someone in your life you might need to forgive as an example of Christ's forgiveness? What would it take for you to take that step?

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