

5 Day Devotional

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Day 1: Remembering Where We Came From

Reading: Ephesians 2:11-13

Before Christ, the Gentiles were described as separated, excluded, and without hope. Paul's instruction to "remember" is not meant to produce shame but to produce gratitude. We are prone to forget the distance from which we were brought. When we forget, we begin to treat grace as something we earned rather than something we received. Reflect today on what your life looked like before Christ claimed you. The blood that brought you near cost everything. That remembrance is the foundation of a humble, grateful, and generous faith that overflows toward others.

Day 2: He Himself Is Our Peace

Reading: Ephesians 2:14-16

Paul does not say Jesus gives peace as though it were a gift handed across a counter. He says Jesus is our peace. The distinction matters deeply. Peace with God and peace with others is not a feeling to be pursued or a technique to be mastered. It is a person to be inhabited. When Christ tears down the dividing wall between hostile groups, he does so by placing himself between them. Every broken relationship, every cultural barrier, every wound carried into a community finds its answer not in better communication alone, but in a deeper surrender to the one who is peace himself.

Day 3: One New Humanity

Reading: Colossians 1:19-20, Genesis 3:8-12

What was lost in the garden was not only communion with God but communion with one another. The moment sin entered, blame followed. Two partners designed to image God together became adversaries protecting themselves. The scope of Christ's reconciling work is breathtaking. Colossians describes it as the reconciliation of all things, not merely individual souls. The salvation Christ brings is larger than a personal transaction. It is the restoration of right relationship in every direction, upward toward God and outward toward one another. Consider today where broken relationship in your own life is waiting to be brought under the lordship of Christ.

Day 4: The Epidemic of Loneliness and the Design of Community

Reading: Psalm 68:6, 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

Loneliness is not weakness. It is evidence of design. God places the solitary into families, as Psalm 68:6 describes, because isolation was never the intended human condition. The body imagery Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 12 makes clear that no part of the body thrives in separation from the whole. When one part suffers, every part suffers with it. When one part is honored, every part shares in that honor. Your longing to be known, seen, and loved is not a burden to apologize for. It is a God-given signal pointing you toward the community he has already prepared for you in Christ.

Day 5: The Question Is No Longer Only Who Am I, But Who Are We

Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22, John 17:20-23

The closing image of Ephesians 2 is architectural. Believers are being built together into a dwelling place for God. Not built individually, but together. Jesus prayed in John 17 that his followers would be one so that the world would know the Father sent him. The witness of the church to the world is inseparable from the unity of the church within itself. You cannot fully receive what Christ offers while holding his people at a distance. The privileges of belonging to the family carry the responsibilities of belonging to the family. The question the Spirit is pressing upon every believer is not only who am I in Christ, but who are we in Christ together, and what are we building?