



“No Longer Outsiders” Devotional Guide

5-Day Devotional: Embracing Unity and Reconciliation

Day 1: Our Previous State - Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:11-12

Reflection: In Ephesians 2:11-12, Paul reminds us of our past—how we were once separated from Christ and without hope. Reflect on your life before knowing Jesus. What feelings or experiences did you associate with being an outsider?

Prayer: Father, thank You for revealing my past state of separation. Help me to understand the depth of my need for You and embrace the transformation that comes through Christ. Amen.

Action Step: Write down a few ways you felt like an outsider before coming to faith. Consider how those feelings contrast with your current identity in Christ.

Day 2: But God...Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:4-5

Reflection:“But God” is a powerful phrase in scripture that signifies hope and transformation. Paul reminds us that even in our deadness, God intervened. Reflect on the moments in your life where God has stepped in and changed your circumstances.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for intervening in my life. Help me to remember that no matter how lost I felt, Your grace made me alive. Teach me to live in the fullness of this truth. Amen.

Action Step: Make a list of the ways God has transformed your life since you came to know Him. Share this testimony with someone who needs encouragement.

Day 3: The Work of Reconciliation - Scripture Reading:Ephesians 2:13-16

Reflection: In Christ, we are reconciled not only to God but also to one another. Consider the importance of reconciliation in your relationships. Are there tensions or conflicts you need to address?

Prayer: God, grant me the courage to pursue reconciliation where there is division. Help me to be an agent of peace in my relationships and to reflect Your love and unity. Amen.

Action Step: Identify a relationship in your life that needs healing. Take a step towards reconciliation, whether it's initiating a conversation or extending forgiveness.



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Day 4: The Pursuit of Unity - Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:17-22

Reflection: Paul speaks of Christ making us one and establishing a new humanity. Unity is not just a goal; it's a calling. How can you pursue unity with those who are different from you, whether socially, culturally, or politically?

Prayer: Lord, help me to see others through Your eyes. Teach me to embrace differences and pursue unity in love. I desire to be part of Your body, reflecting Your character in this world. Amen.

Action Step: Engage in a conversation with someone from a different background or perspective. Listen actively and seek to understand their experiences.

Day 5: Letting Go of Hostility - Scripture Reading: Romans 12:18

Reflection: Paul encourages us to live peaceably with all. Take a moment to examine your heart for any lingering hostility or resentment. Are there areas where you need to let go and forgive?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, reveal any hostility I am holding onto. Help me to release these burdens and replace them with Your love and grace. Teach me to forgive as You have forgiven me. Amen.

Action Step: Choose one area of resentment to address this week. Commit to letting it go by offering forgiveness or seeking peace in that situation.

Closing Thoughts: As you reflect on this week's readings and actions, remember that we are called to live in unity and reconciliation, both with God and with one another. Embrace your identity as a child of God and extend that grace to those around you.