

Devotion 3: Blessed to Be a Blessing

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Scripture: *Genesis 12:2*

“And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

Devotion

Try this little experiment. Hold up a mirror in front of your face. What do you see? Just yourself! Now put the mirror down and look around. How many people can you see? Your whole family, maybe your neighbors out the window, the whole wide world. God’s blessing to Abraham was never meant to stop with Abraham. God said, “I will bless you so that you will be a blessing.” The blessing had a direction—it was meant to flow outward. Sometimes we can be tempted to treat God’s grace like a mirror. We hold it up and admire how good God has been to us. And that’s true—God has been incredibly good to us! But if we only look at ourselves, we miss the point. God’s grace is meant to turn us outward, away from ourselves and toward the people around us. Martin Luther understood this when he taught that Christians live not for themselves but for their neighbors. As Lutherans, we rightly celebrate that salvation is a free gift—we don’t earn it by our works. But that gift changes us. It turns us from mirror-gazers into people who look out at the world with the love of Christ. God has blessed you richly. Now, who can you be a blessing to?

Discussion Questions

1. What is one blessing from God that you are especially thankful for today?
2. Why is it tempting to keep God’s blessings to ourselves?
3. Who is someone in your life right now who could use a blessing from you?

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, You have blessed us far more than we deserve. Forgive us for the times we hoard Your blessings. Open our eyes to see the people around us and turn our hearts outward in love. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Family Action Item: Each family member picks one person this week to intentionally bless—a kind word, a helping hand, a note of encouragement—and report back to the family about it.