

Devotion 5: Turned Inside Out

March 6, 2026

Scripture: *Philippians 2:3–4*

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Devotion

There’s an old sock trick kids love: you grab a sock and turn it completely inside out. Everything that was hidden on the inside is now showing on the outside. That’s a picture of what God’s grace does to us. One of the oldest descriptions of sin comes from a church father named Augustine, who said that sin is being “curved in on ourselves.” Think about that. When we sin, we’re turned inward—focused on what I want, what makes me comfortable, what benefits me. Even good things like God’s grace can become self-focused if we only think about what God has done for me without looking outward. But God’s grace doesn’t just forgive us—it turns us inside out. It takes people who were curved in on themselves and straightens them out toward others. That’s what happened with Abram. God blessed him, but the blessing was never just for Abram. It was through Abram for all nations. The same is true for us. God’s grace in Christ turns us away from selfishness and toward our neighbors, our community, and the world. As Paul writes, we’re called to count others as more significant than ourselves. Not because we don’t matter, but because God’s love flowing through us always has somewhere to go.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it look like to be “curved in on yourself”? Can you think of an example?
2. How does knowing you are loved by God make it easier to love others?
3. What is one way your family can turn outward toward someone else this week?

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, You left the glory of heaven and turned toward us in love. Forgive us for being curved in on ourselves. By Your grace, turn us inside out so that Your love flows through us to others. Amen.

Family Action Item: Do one act of service as a family this week for someone outside your household—shovel a sidewalk, bring a meal, write a card—and do it without being asked.