

Devotion 2: From Scattering to Gathering

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Scripture: *Genesis 11:8–9*

“So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.”

Devotion

Imagine your family is working on a big jigsaw puzzle together. You’ve been at it for hours. And then someone bumps the table and all the pieces scatter across the floor. That’s a little like what happened at the Tower of Babel. The people of the earth gathered together—not to worship God, but to make a name for themselves. They wanted to build a tower reaching to heaven on their own terms. So God scattered them, confusing their languages and spreading them across the earth. It was an act of judgment, but it wasn’t the end of the story. The very next thing God does in the Bible is call Abram. And what does He promise? That through Abram, all the families of the earth—all those scattered people—would be blessed. God scattered the nations at Babel, and then immediately began His plan to gather them back through grace. This is the pattern of our God. He doesn’t leave things scattered and broken. He is always working to bring His people back together—back to Himself. He did it through Abraham’s family, He did it through Jesus on the cross, and He does it today whenever His Word is preached and people are gathered into His Church.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever felt scattered or far from God? What brought you back?
2. Why do you think people at Babel wanted to make a name for themselves instead of trusting God?
3. How does your church or family gathering together remind you of God’s gathering love?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, You scattered the nations at Babel, but You never stopped working to bring us back. Thank You for gathering us into Your family through Jesus. Help us to welcome others into that family too. Amen.

Family Action Item: This week, invite someone to join your family for a meal, a game night, or church—someone who might be feeling scattered or alone.