

Day 1: The Call to Humility

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-3

Devotional: Unity does not begin with agreement. It begins with humility. Paul writes from a prison cell, urging believers to walk worthy of their calling with gentleness and patience. This is not passive living. It is active, costly surrender. Humility means releasing your grip on preference and trusting that Christ is enough to hold the whole together. Think of the elder and the pastor who bore with one another for three years before breakthrough came. That kind of endurance is not natural. It is Spirit-born. Ask yourself today: where is pride quietly competing with peace in your relationships?

Day 2: Guarding What God Has Given

Reading: Ephesians 4:3; John 17:20-23

Devotional: Paul uses a word that means to guard with your life when he calls believers to maintain the unity of the Spirit. In John 17, Jesus prays that His people would be one, just as He and the Father are one. This unity is not manufactured by human effort. It is a gift of the Spirit that we are charged to protect. Gossip erodes it. Bitterness fractures it. Silence in the face of conflict abandons it. Unity is guarded when we talk to people instead of about them, when we assume the best, and when we move toward reconciliation before resentment takes root.

Day 3: One Lord, One Mission

Reading: Ephesians 4:4-6; Colossians 3:14-15

Devotional: Seven times in three verses, Paul repeats the word one. One body. One Spirit. One hope. One Lord. One faith. One baptism. One God and Father of all. This repetition is not accidental. It is a declaration that the church does not find its unity in shared preferences, worship styles, or traditions. It finds its unity in Christ alone. Colossians reminds us that love binds everything together in perfect harmony. The Moravians discovered this truth in 1727 when they laid down their denominational pride and made Jesus the main thing. The result changed the world. What would change in your life if you did the same?

Day 4: Bearing With One Another

Reading: Romans 15:1-7; Galatians 6:2

Devotional: Romans 15 calls the strong to bear with the failings of the weak rather than please themselves. This is the rope-holding work of the church. Not everyone is called to go down into the pit, but everyone is called to something that serves the whole. Bearing with one another means staying when leaving would be easier. It means choosing the mission over personal comfort. William Carey could not have gone to India without Andrew Fuller holding the rope from England. Neither role was greater. Both were essential. Consider today what it means to carry someone else's burden without demanding recognition for doing so.

Day 5: Thriving Together on Mission

Reading: Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:1-4

Devotional: The early church in Acts did not merely survive. It thrived. They devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and the breaking of bread, and the Lord added to their number daily. Philippians 2 calls believers to look not only to their own interests but to the interests of others. A church that turns inward eventually stagnates. A church that fixes its eyes on Christ and moves outward in unified mission becomes unstoppable. Like the sequoia whose roots grow wide and interconnect beneath the surface, the church draws its strength from shared connection to Christ. You were not created to simply exist. You were created to thrive on mission.