

Day 1: The Danger of Selfish Ambition

Reading: Philippians 2:1-4

Devotional: Paul's words to the Philippians cut to the heart of one of the church's oldest struggles. Selfish ambition rarely announces itself. It disguises itself as protection, preference, or passion for something good. But when "mine" quietly becomes more important than "ours," the mission begins to fracture. Consider the areas of your life where walls have been built, not out of malice, but out of fear. The invitation today is not simply to be less selfish, but to actively count others as more significant than yourself. That posture, practiced daily, is where unity begins to take root.

Day 2: The Mind of Christ as the Model for Surrender

Reading: Philippians 2:5-8

Devotional: Jesus did not cling to position, privilege, or preference. Though he existed in the very form of God, he emptied himself and took on the form of a servant. This was not weakness. This was the most intentional, costly act of mission-driven surrender the world has ever seen. He laid down what was rightfully his so that something far greater could be accomplished. When you feel the pull to protect your comfort, your role, or your way of doing things, return to this passage. The mind of Christ is not a suggestion for the spiritually advanced. It is the standard for every believer.

Day 3: One Body, One Mission

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional: Paul's image of the body is not merely a lesson in cooperation. It is a declaration of mission. Every part, whether prominent or unseen, exists to serve the whole. The eye cannot dismiss the hand. The foot cannot operate in isolation from the head. When any part of the body begins building walls around its function, the body suffers, and the mission slows. Healthy believers understand that their gifts, their ministries, and their roles are not possessions to

be guarded. They are contributions to be offered. Ask yourself today not what the church offers you, but what you are offering the mission.

Day 4: Jesus and the Father's Mission

Reading: John 6:38-40

Devotional: Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus consistently oriented himself not toward his own will but toward the will of the Father who sent him. This was not passive obedience. It was active, daily, costly alignment with a mission greater than himself. The church was designed to reflect this same posture. When believers and congregations align themselves with God's mission rather than the comfort of their own preferences, something powerful becomes possible. Fear loses its grip. Silos begin to fall. Unity becomes not a nice idea but a living reality. Today, ask the Lord to reveal where your will and his mission may be in tension.

Day 5: Thriving Together Through Surrender

Reading: Philippians 2:14-16

Devotional: Paul calls the church to shine like lights in the world by holding firmly to the word of life. That kind of shining does not happen in isolation. It happens when believers surrender individual preferences for the sake of a shared mission, when the whole wins because each part has laid something down. A church that merely survives has settled. A church that thrives has chosen mission over comfort, surrender over self-preservation, and unity over independence. As this reading plan closes, return to the central question: What does it look like for you, in your home, your relationships, and your congregation, to say yes to the mission?