

# STRONGER TOGETHER

*Week 2:  
Ephesians 2:1-21*

# OUR SHARED PAST

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We share a common past in that we were, at some point in time, all dead. The most vital part of our humanity- our spirit- was dead to the most important person in life- God.

# OUR SHARED GRACE

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- If God was a different kind of god He could have destroyed us because of our rebellion. We were living in His world, breathing His air, and living in His time, all the while fraternizing with the enemy.
- But God is this kind of God- His love has led Him to show rich mercy to rebels. God has extended gracious acceptance to any and all in Christ, and he has secured our reconciliation to Him.
- Through Jesus Christ we have come alive from the dead.

# OUR SHARED POSITION

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- There are 3 Greek words used to describe just how alive we are by faith in Jesus Christ:
  1. We are 'made alive together with Christ'
  2. We are 'raised up together with Christ'
  3. We are 'seated in heaven with Christ'

# OUR SHARED BATTLE

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“We know who we are in Christ and we are secure in our position and fully equipped to engage in this battlefield. We KNOW THIS because we were chosen for this mission and we’re equipped- armed to the teeth- with truth, wisdom, love and grace! Let’s do this!”

# OUR SHARED FAITH

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- Together God points to us as the example to men and angels of what His grace can do. (V7)
- Together we are God's masterpiece (poema), his work of art. This was found on instagram this week: "We are allowed to be both a masterpiece and a work in progress simultaneously." (V10)