

ROOTED DEEP IN CHRIST: CALLED TO REACH OUR CITY

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Day 1: Planted With Purpose

Reading: Jeremiah 29:4-7; Ephesians 2:10; Psalm 1:1-3

Devotional: God does not place His people somewhere by accident. The Israelites in Babylon did not choose their location, yet God told them to seek the peace of that city and pray for it. He had deposited them there intentionally. Ephesians 2:10 reminds us that we are His workmanship, created for good works He prepared in advance. The fruitful tree in Psalm 1 does not choose its riverbank. God plants it there. Before you ask God to use you somewhere else, ask Him how He intends to use you exactly where you are. Your neighborhood, your workplace, and your family circle are your mission field today.

Reflection: What would it look like to genuinely seek the good of the specific community where God has placed you this season?

Day 2: Empowered, Not Alone

Reading: Acts 1:4-8; Romans 8:26-27; John 15:5

Devotional: Jesus did not send His disciples out and then wish them well. He told them to wait for the Holy Spirit before they moved. The order matters. Power, then witness. Jesus makes it clear in John 15:5 that apart from Him, we can accomplish nothing of lasting spiritual value. The mission of the Church is a spiritual mission, and it requires spiritual power. Human talent, organization, and effort are not substitutes for the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. This truth should simultaneously humble us and encourage us. The weight of the mission does not rest on our strength. It rests on His faithfulness working through our availability.

Reflection: In what areas of your faith and ministry have you been relying primarily on your own strength rather than the Holy Spirit's power?

Day 3: The Heart Behind the Mission

Reading: Luke 15:1-7; Romans 10:13-15; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Devotional: The shepherd in Luke 15 does not calculate whether the one lost sheep is worth the effort. He simply goes. That is the heart of the Father toward every person who has not yet come home to Him. Romans 10 asks a series of penetrating questions: How will they call on someone they have not believed in? How will they believe in someone they have not heard? How will they hear without someone to tell them? The chain of grace requires human messengers. God has chosen to make His appeal to the world through the people He has already rescued. We are, as Paul writes, ambassadors for Christ. The message we carry is not our own, but the responsibility to carry it is.

Reflection: Do you see the people around you the way the shepherd saw that one lost sheep, as someone worth leaving comfort behind to pursue?

Day 4: More Than a Decision

Reading: Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 1:28-29; Ephesians 4:11-16

Devotional: The Great Commission does not end with a raised hand or a signed card. Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples, teaching them to obey everything He commanded. The goal is not a moment of decision but a lifetime of transformation. Colossians 1:28 captures the full vision: proclaiming Christ, warning and teaching every person in all wisdom, so that we may present every person mature in Him. That kind of disciple-making is patient, intentional, and deeply personal. It means walking beside people through confusion, failure, and growth. It means pointing them to Christ consistently, not just once. Every believer is both a disciple in process and a disciple-maker in practice.

Reflection: Who in your life is one step behind you in their faith journey, and what would it look like to intentionally walk alongside them toward greater maturity in Christ?

Day 5: Faithful, Fruitful, and Sent

Reading: John 15:8; Matthew 28:18-20; Isaiah 6:8; Romans 10:15

Devotional: Jesus declares in John 15:8 that the Father is glorified when His people bear much fruit. Fruitfulness is not optional for the follower of Christ. It is the visible evidence of a life abiding in the vine. The Great Commission closes with a promise that is also a foundation: "I am with you always." The mission is not carried out by people who have everything figured out. It is carried out by people who trust that Christ goes with them. Isaiah responded to God's call with availability, not a resume. The same invitation stands today. God is not looking for the most impressive people. He is looking for the most available people. The question is not whether He can use you. The question is whether you are willing to be used.

Reflection: What is one area of your life where fear or self-doubt has kept you from stepping forward in faith to share Christ or serve others?