

Daily Readings

Monday	Read Ephesians 1:1-2. The Apostle Paul says that he is what he is (an apostle of Jesus Christ) by the will of God. What do you think is true of you by the will of God? Pray today for sensitivity to and discernment of God's will in your life.
Tuesday	Read Ephesians 1:3. This verse says that we have received every spiritual blessing in Christ and that these blessings are "in the heavenly realms." In this age, we have not yet received "every blessing" in this world. What "spiritual blessings" do you think you have received? What blessing would you like to pray for?
Wednesday	Read Ephesians 1:4. God intends for us to be "holy" and "blameless." Later this summer (and later in the book of Ephesians) we'll learn more about God's intention for our growth in holiness (and grace!). To get ready for those lessons, ask yourself, "Why does God care about our growth in holiness? Why does matter?"
Thursday	Read Ephesians 1:5-10. These verses describe the benefits of effects of God's salvation in a wide variety of ways including the security of being predestined by God, adoption into God's family, redemption (from the power of sin to serve God), the forgiveness of sins, and growth in spiritual understanding. Which of these dimensions of salvation have usually resonated most strongly with you? How might your relationship with God be enriched by a greater appreciation of these other dimensions of salvation?
Friday	Read Ephesians 1:11-14. In this passage we have learned to see ourselves in God's grand, cosmic story: <i>The Big God Story</i> . How is this story of grace and salvation a better and more hopeful story for our lives than the alternatives on offer in our world?
Saturday	Read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus grounded his own ministry, his identity, and his relationship with God in the reading of the Bible. How has the Bible helped shape your ministry, identity, or relationship with God? What would help make this even stronger or more helpful for you?



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