

Day 1: The Gospel You Never Outgrow

Reading: Galatians 2:11-21

The gospel is not a starting line you cross and leave behind. It is the ground you stand on every single day. In Galatians 2, Paul confronts believers who had drifted from living in line with the truth of the gospel. Their behavior had quietly contradicted what they claimed to believe. This is a warning for all of us. The gospel reshapes how we forgive, how we serve, and how we see ourselves and others. ***Ask yourself today: where in my daily life am I living out of step with what the gospel declares to be true about me?***

Day 2: The Image of the Invisible God

Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Colossians 1:15 declares that Jesus is the image of the invisible God -- meaning that if you want to know what God is truly like, you look at Jesus. Every assumption you carry about God's character, His posture toward you, and His intentions for your life must be measured against what Jesus said and did. Many people carry distorted pictures of God shaped by pain, disappointment, or cultural noise. The remedy is not more information in general -- it is a deeper, more careful look at Jesus in particular. Fix your eyes on the Son. What you see in Him is who God is. ***Ask Holy Spirit to show you things in Jesus that you have not seen before and write down the new things you see in the Father as a result.***

Day 3: He Is Holding It Together

Reading: Colossians 1:16-17; Romans 8:18-25

Colossians 1:17 declares that in Jesus all things hold together. Romans 8 reminds us that creation itself groans under the weight of what sin has broken. Both things are true at once -- something has gone terribly wrong, and yet Jesus remains the spiritual gravity keeping existence from full collapse. When your circumstances feel like chaos, this truth is not a denial of your pain. It is an anchor beneath it. He sees every broken and groaning thing. Nothing falls outside His awareness or His authority. When you cannot trace His hand, you can still trust the hand that holds all things together. ***Spend some time today thinking about where you have seen His hand holding things together for you in the past. Hold on to these truths to find hope and strength in the midst of the chaos and confusion you may be facing today or will face in the future.***

Day 4: Reconciled -- From Alien to Beloved

Reading: Colossians 1:21-22; Romans 5:6-11

Colossians 1:21 describes our condition apart from Christ as one of alienation -- like living in a country that is not your home. Romans 5 reinforces this, declaring that while we were still enemies, Christ died for us. This is the staggering direction of the gospel: God does not wait for us to find our way back. He comes into the far country to bring us home. The cross is not a transaction between strangers -- it is the rescue of people who were made for a relationship with God and had wandered far from it. You were made for this homecoming. ***Take some time today to remember what the Father has brought you out of and spend a few moments expressing your gratitude to the Father for all He has done.***

Day 5: Continuing in Faith -- Established and Firm

Reading: Colossians 1:22-23; Hebrews 3:12-14

Colossians 1:23 calls believers to continue in faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. Hebrews 3 echoes this, urging believers to encourage one another daily so that none drift through the hardening that unbelief quietly produces. The gospel is not a one-time event in your past -- it is a daily posture of trust. To be established and firm does not mean you never struggle or doubt. It means you keep returning to the same foundation. The hope held out in the gospel does not shift. Return to it today. Stand in it again, tomorrow. It is stable and secure, never shifts or changes. ***What are some things you can do on a regular basis to keep this perspective consistently at the forefront of your mind?***