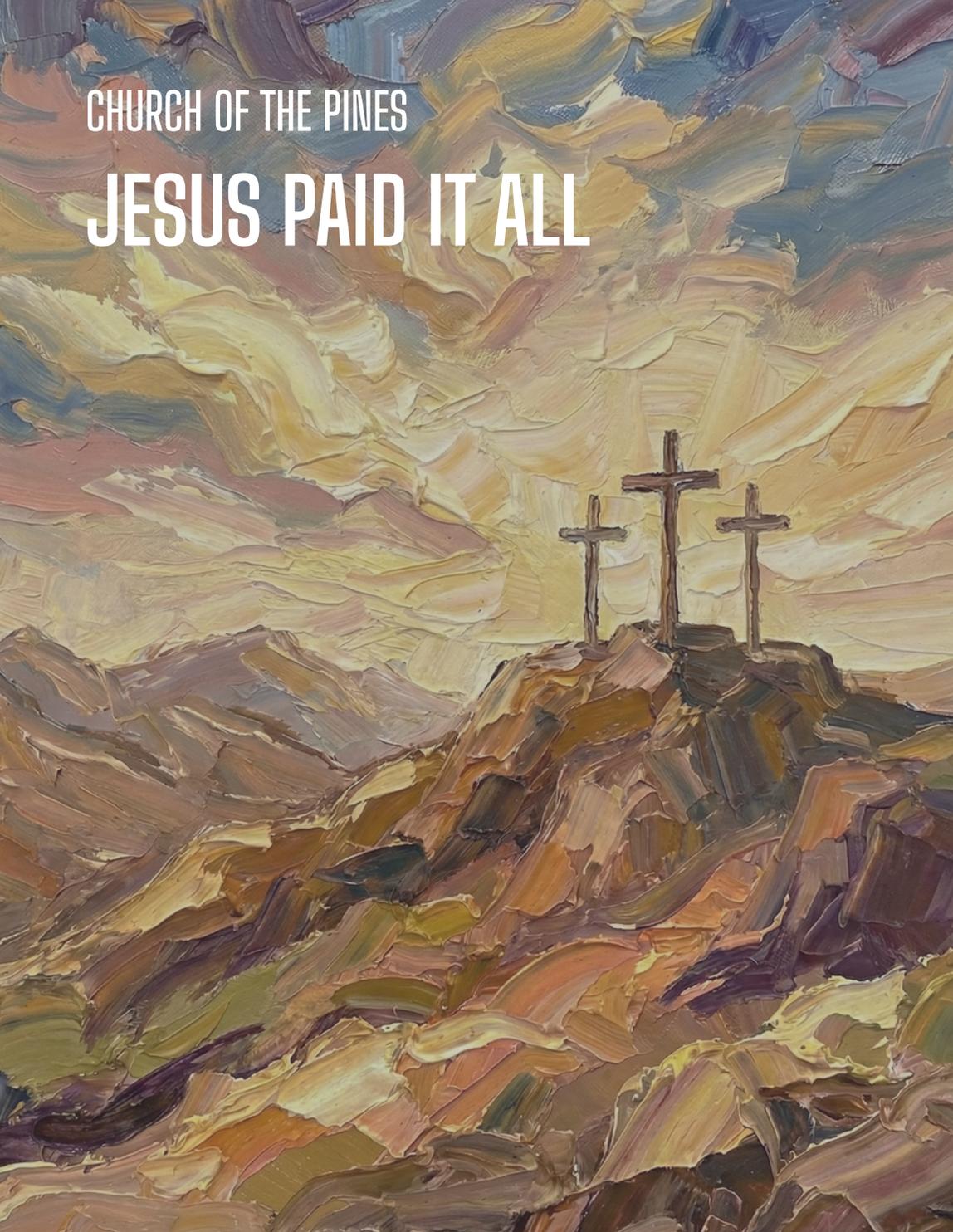


CHURCH OF THE PINES

JESUS PAID IT ALL



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HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

This devotional is designed to guide you through the five weeks leading up to Easter.

Each week includes:

- A main devotional thought to read at the beginning of the week
- Five short Scripture reflections for Monday through Friday
- An optional Family Moment to use at home
- A journal page to reflect, pray, or write what God is showing you

You can move at your own pace. Read it in the morning or evening. Discuss it with your family or reflect on it quietly by yourself.

Our hope is not that you rush through these pages, but that you slow down. Let this season deepen your understanding of the cross and renew your gratitude for what Jesus has done.

As we move towards Easter, our prayer for you is simple: that you would **see the cross** with fresh eyes.

For many of us, the story of Jesus' death and resurrection is familiar. We know the verses. We know the timeline. We know the ending. But sometimes familiarity can quietly dull our wonder.

The cross isn't just a symbol of our faith. It's the center of it.

When Jesus said, "It is finished," He wasn't speaking emotionally. He was declaring completion. Every requirement of the law. Every barrier between God and humanity. Every debt of sin. Paid. Fulfilled. Finished.

This devotional is designed to help us slow down and reflect on what that truly means.

Each week focuses on one aspect of what Jesus secured for us at the cross. Our prayer is that you would not only understand these truths but also begin to live from them.

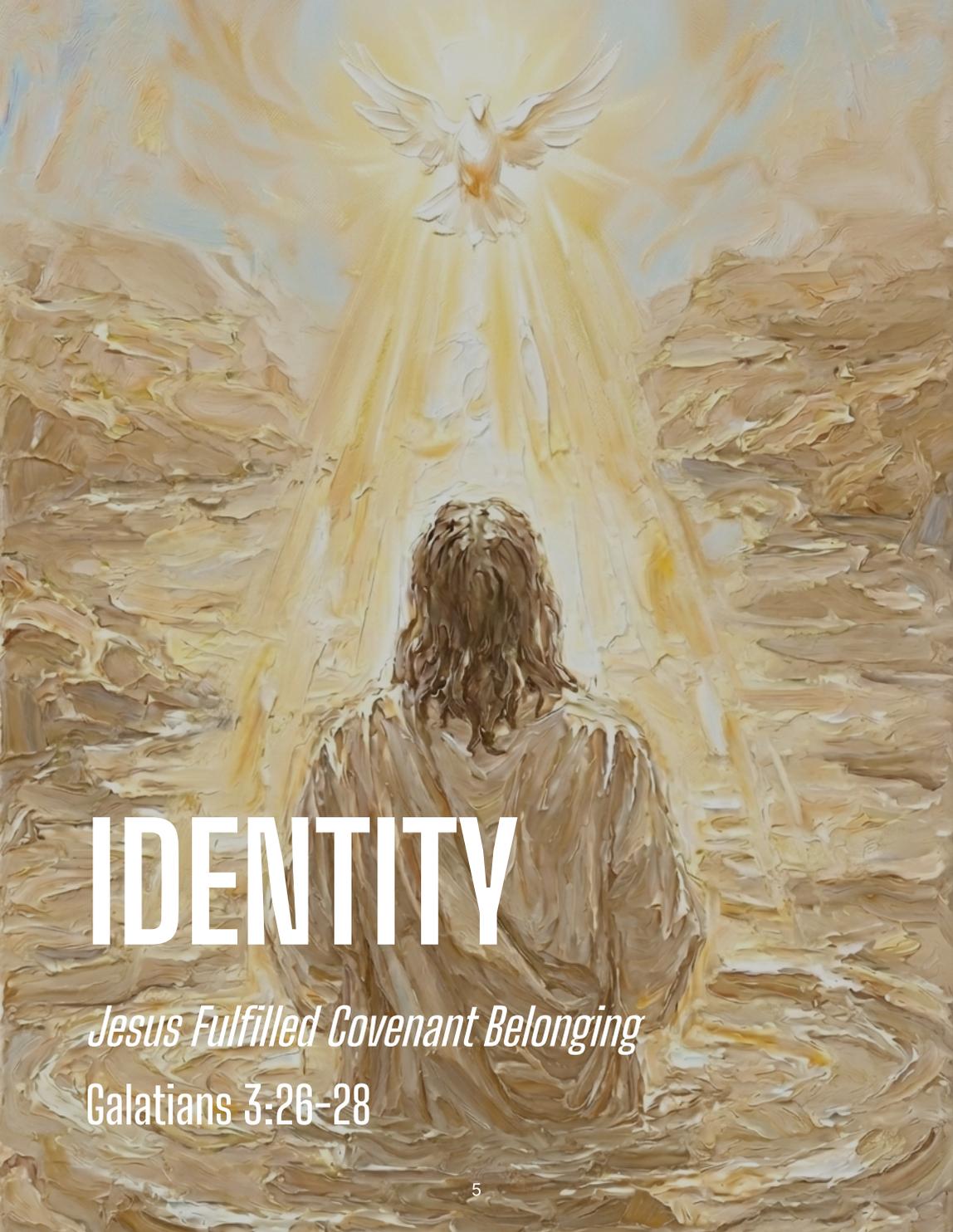
Freedom instead of striving.
Confidence instead of shame.
Nearness instead of distance.
Rest instead of performance.

Take your time. Write in the journal pages. Discuss it with your family if you can. If you're walking through this season alone, know that you aren't alone; you are part of a church family moving toward Easter together.

May this season deepen your appreciation for the cross and renew your joy in the finished work of Jesus.

He truly paid it all.

With love,
Les & Angela



IDENTITY

Jesus Fulfilled Covenant Belonging

Galatians 3:26-28

There is a question every human being wrestles with at some point: **Who am I?**

In today's world, there are countless voices trying to answer that for us. We look to our jobs, our families, how we serve at church, our accomplishments, even our failures. Culture tells us what we do defines who we are.

But Scripture tells a different story.

In the Old Testament, circumcision was the sign of belonging to God's covenant people. It was an outward mark that identified someone as part of God's family.

But that external mark was always pointing to something deeper.

Galatians 3:26 says, "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

Because of the finished work of Jesus, identity is no longer about an external sign. It is about being united with Him.

We do not earn belonging.
We do not achieve our way into God's family.
We are brought in by grace.

Through the cross, Jesus fulfilled the covenant requirement and made a way for us to belong fully and freely.

You are not defined by performance.
You are not defined by your past.
You are not defined by what others say about you.

If you are in Christ, you are a child of God.

And that identity does not change.

WEEK 1 REFLECTION

Monday

Read: Galatians 3:26

- Who or what has been shaping your identity lately?
- Does it align with what God says about you?

Tuesday

Read: Romans 2:28-29

- What does it mean to have a "circumcision of the heart"?
- Where is God shaping you internally?

Wednesday

Read: Galatians 3:27

- What does it mean to be "clothed with Christ"?
- How would that change the way you walk into your day?

Thursday

Read: Ephesians 1:4-5

- How does being chosen by God affect the way you see yourself?
- What insecurity loses power when you remember you are adopted?

Friday

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17

- What old label do you need to release?
- What new identity do you need to embrace?

Family Moment: Who am I?

Sometimes we think we are what we're good at. Maybe you're a fast runner. Maybe you're great at math. Maybe you're the funny one in your family.

Those things are special, but they are not what truly defines you.

The Bible says that when we trust Jesus, we become children of God. That means we belong to Him. Not because we earned it. Not because we're perfect. But because of what Jesus did for us.

When you wonder who you are, here is the answer:

You are loved.
You are chosen.
You belong to God.

Discuss Together:

- What do people usually use to describe themselves?
- How does it feel to know you are God's child?
- How can we live this week like we believe that's true?

Pray Together:

Father, thank You that our identity comes from You. Help us remember that we belong to You because of Jesus. Teach us to live confidently as Your children. Amen.



ACCESS

Jesus Fulfilled the Need for a Mediator

Hebrews 4:16

In the Old Testament, access to God was limited.

Only certain people could enter certain places. The High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place only once a year. The presence of God was real, but it was guarded.

The message was clear: God is holy. Sin separates.

The priest stood between God and the people. He represented them before God and brought offerings on their behalf.

But that system was never meant to be permanent.

Hebrews 4:14-16 tells us that Jesus is our great High Priest.

Not one who entered a temple made by human hands, but one who entered heaven itself. Because of Him, we are invited to "approach God's throne of grace with confidence."

Not cautiously.
Not fearfully.
Confidently.

Jesus did not simply improve our access.
He secured it.

There is no longer a human priest standing between you and God. You do not need someone else to speak for you.

Jesus has already done that.

Through the cross, He became our perfect High Priest; not blocking the way, but opening it. And because of Him, we can come boldly.

You do not need permission to come to God.
You do not need to clean yourself up first.
You do not need someone else to speak for you.

Because Jesus paid it all, you can come boldly.

Week 2 Reflection

Monday

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16

- What keeps you from approaching God with confidence?
- What would bold access look like today?

Tuesday

Read: Ephesians 2:18

- Through Jesus, you have access to the Father. How does that reshape your prayer life?

Wednesday

Read: 1 Timothy 2:5

- Why does it matter that Jesus is the one mediator?
- Where have you relied on something else to bridge the gap?

Thursday

Read: Hebrews 10:19-22

- What does it mean to draw near "with full assurance"?
- Is there an area where you've been holding back?

Friday

Read: Romans 5:1-2

- You stand in grace. How would your day change if you truly believed that?

Family Moment: No More Barriers

In the Old Testament, only the High Priest could go into the most special part of the temple, and only once a year.

People couldn't just walk in. There were barriers.

When Jesus died on the cross, those barriers were removed. Now we can talk to God anytime. We don't need someone else to do it for us.

Because of Jesus, we have access.

Discuss Together:

- Why do you think people sometimes feel nervous talking to God?
- How does it change things to know we can come boldly?
- When could we pray together this week?

Pray Together:

Father, thank You that we can come to You anytime because of Jesus. Help us talk to You freely and confidently. Amen.



FORGIVENESS

Jesus Fulfilled the Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:4

In the Old Testament, forgiveness required sacrifice.

When someone sinned, they brought an animal "without blemish." They would lay their hands on it, identifying with it, and the animal would die in their place. Its blood was offered as a covering for sin. But the process had to be repeated again and again.

Sin. Sacrifice. Temporary covering. Repeat.

Hebrews 10:4 tell us, "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

The sacrifices were not the solution. They were the shadow.

Then Jesus came.

Fully man. Fully God. Sinless. Willing.

Hebrews 10:10 says, "We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Not once a year.

Not once per mistake.

Not once per confession.

Once for all.

When Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30), He meant the system was finished. The repetition was finished. The covering was replaced with removal.

Forgiveness is no longer something we earn. It is something we receive.

You are not living in a cycle of "try harder and hope it's enough."
You are living under a finished work.

Because Jesus paid it all, your sin is not just managed. It is forgiven.

Week 3 Reflection

Monday

Read: Hebrews 10:1-4

- What would it feel like to have to repeat the same sacrifice every time you failed?
- Where do you still live as if forgiveness must be re-earned?

Tuesday

Read: Hebrews 10:10-14

- What does "once for all" mean for your past? What does it mean for your present?
- Write one area where you need to believe that Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient.

Wednesday

Read: Psalm 103:12

- "As far as the east is from the west..." is not partial forgiveness. Is there a sin you've repented of but still rehearse in your mind?
- What would it look like to let it go?

Thursday

Read: 1 John 2:1-2

- What voice do you listen to more, condemnation or advocacy?
- When you fail, do you run toward God or shrink back from Him?
- Today, practice coming boldly.

Friday

Read: John 19:30

- What changes in your daily life if “It is finished” is actually true?
- Where are you still striving to pay for something Jesus already paid for?
- End this week by thanking Jesus specifically for forgiveness.

Family Moment: Forgiveness

In the Bible, people used to bring animals to the temple when they sinned. The animal would die instead of them. But they had to do this again and again.

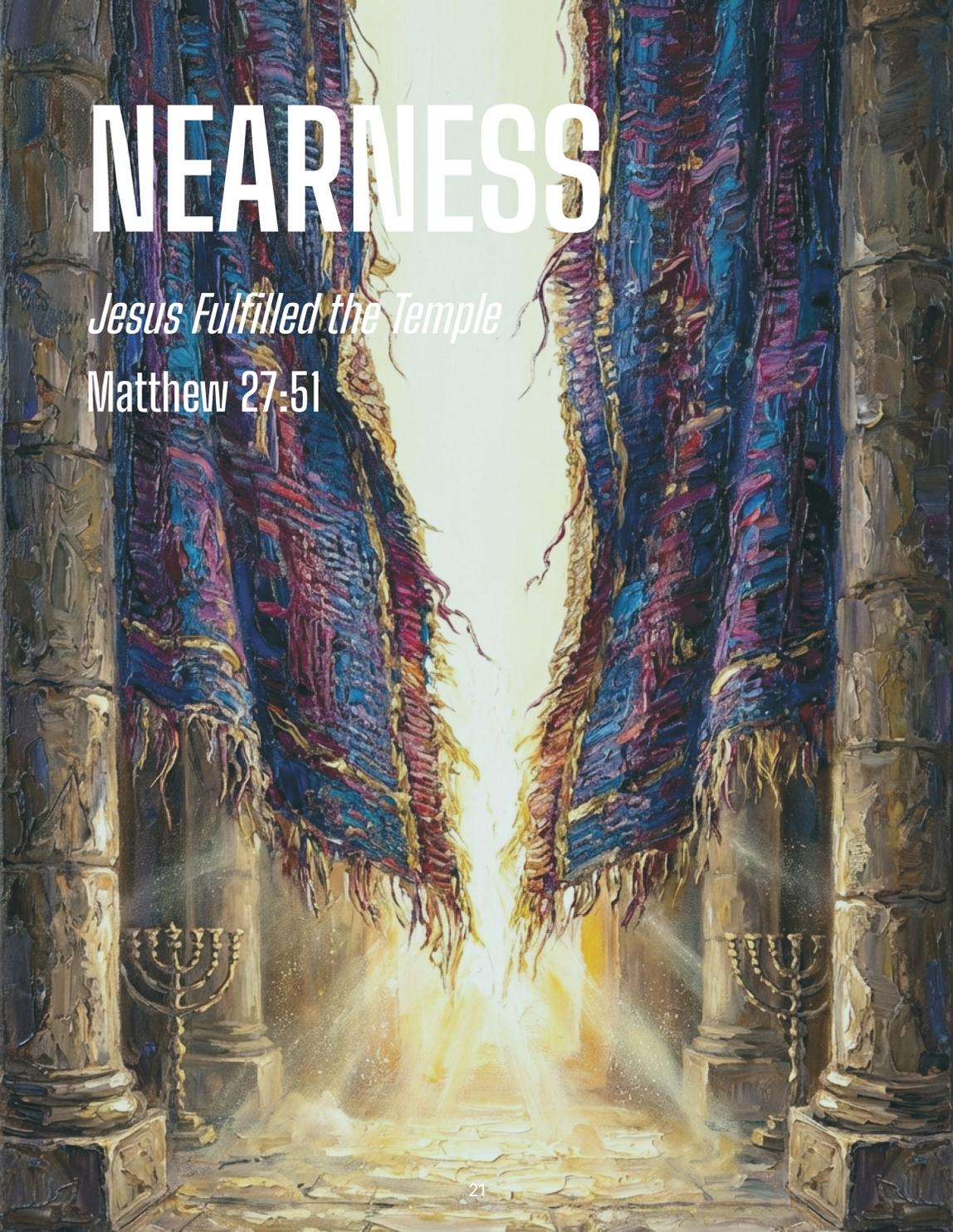
When Jesus died on the cross, He became the final sacrifice. That means we don't have to keep trying to fix our mistakes by ourselves. Jesus already paid for them.

Discuss Together:

- Why do you think God took sin so seriously?
- How does it feel to know you don't have to earn forgiveness?
- Is there something you need to ask God's forgiveness for today?

Pray Together:

Jesus, thank You for dying in our place. Thank You that we don't have to earn forgiveness or carry guilt forever. Help us trust that what You did on the cross was enough. Teach us to live in freedom and gratitude. Amen.



NEARNESS

Jesus Fulfilled the Temple

Matthew 27:51

In the Old Testament, the temple represented the dwelling place of God.

It was sacred. Beautiful. Revered.

At its center was the Most Holy Place, separated by a thick curtain. That veil symbolized the separation between a holy God and sinful humanity.

When Jesus died, something **dramatic** happened.

Matthew 27:51 says, "At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

From top to bottom.

Not by human hands. By God.

The barrier was removed.

The temple was never the final destination. It was a shadow pointing to something greater.

Through the **cross**, Jesus did not simply open a door. He changed the dwelling place of God.

Now, through His Spirit, God dwells within His people.

Nearness is no longer about location.
It is about relationship.

You do not have to travel to find Him.
You do not have to earn proximity.

Because Jesus paid it all, God is near.

Week 4 Reflection

Monday

Read: Matthew 27:50-51

- What does the torn veil represent?
- Why does it matter that it was torn from top to bottom?

Tuesday

Read: John 14:23

- What does it mean that God makes His home with us?
- How does that change ordinary moments?

Wednesday

Read: James 4:8

- What might drawing near to God look like this week?

Thursday

Read: Psalm 145:18

- God is near to those who call on Him. Have you been calling?

Friday

Read: Ephesians 3:12

- You may approach God with freedom and confidence. What is one step toward deeper nearness?

Family Moment: The Curtain

In the temple, a thick curtain separated people from the most special place where God's presence was.

When Jesus died, the curtain tore in two. It was God's way of saying, "You can come close now."

Because of Jesus, we don't have to stay far away from God.

He is near.

Discuss Together:

- Why do you think the curtain was important?
- How does it feel to know God wants to be close to us?
- What is one way we can draw near to Him this week.

Pray Together:

God, thank you for tearing down the barrier. Thank you that You are near. Help us remember that we can come close to You anytime. Amen.

REST

Jesus Fulfilled the Burden

Matthew 11:28



Many of us live tired.

Not just physically tired, but spiritually tired.

Trying to do enough.

Be enough.

Fix enough.

In the Old Testament; the law revealed God's holiness. It also revealed something else: our need.

The commands were good. They showed us what righteousness looks like. But they were never meant to carry the weight of salvation.

Jesus did not come to add more weight.

He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Rest is not another requirement.

It is an invitation.

Through the cross, Jesus fulfilled the law's demands. What we could not accomplish, He completed. What we could not carry, He bore.

Sometimes we treat rest like something we must earn, as if peace comes after we perform well enough.

But the gospel says something different. Rest begins with trust.

Hebrews 4:9-10 speaks of a Sabbath-rest for the people of God, a rest that comes from ceasing our striving and trusting in the finished work of Christ.

Because Jesus paid it all, you do not have to prove yourself to God.

You do not have to live under constant spiritual pressure.

You live from grace.

And grace produces peace.

Week 5 Reflection

Monday

Read: Matthew 11:28-30

- What burdens have you been carrying?
- Have you brought them to Jesus?

Tuesday

Read: Hebrews 4:9-10

- What does it mean to "cease from your works"?

Wednesday

Read: Psalm 46:10

- What does being still look like in your current season?

Thursday

Read: Romans 8:1

- How does freedom from condemnation create rest?

Friday

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:9

- Where do you need to rely on grace instead of effort?

Family Moment: Heavy Backpacks

Have you ever carried a heavy backpack for a long time?

At first, it's manageable. But after a while, it feels exhausting.

Sometimes we carry pressure like that, trying to be perfect or earn God's love.

Jesus says we don't have to carry that weight anymore.

He already did.

Because of Jesus, we can rest.

Discuss Together:

- What kinds of things make people feel tired inside?
- How does trusting Jesus help us rest?
- What can we give to Him this week?

Pray Together:

Jesus, thank You for carrying what we could not. Help our family live from Your grace and not from pressure. Amen.

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