

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: A God Bigger Than You've Imagined

Devotional

It is easy to shrink God down to the size of our experiences. When life gets hard, our view of Him can quietly narrow until He feels small, distant, or just barely enough. But Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3 explodes that small view wide open.

Paul does not pray cautiously. He does not ask for just enough to get by. He prays for enormous things, because he believes in a big God. He asks that believers would be strengthened by the Spirit, rooted in Christ's love, and filled with all the fullness of God Himself. These are not modest requests. They are bold, sweeping, and full of confidence in who God is.

This matters for your everyday life. The size of your prayers often reflects the size of your God. When we believe He is limited, we ask for little. When we believe He is truly limitless, we begin to pray differently, live differently, and hope differently.

You do not have to earn your way into a bigger view of God. You simply have to be willing to let Him be more than what your past has allowed Him to be. He is ready to show you more of Himself than you have ever seen. That is not a distant promise. It is an invitation available to you right now.

Bible Verse

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." - Ephesians 3:20

Reflection Question

In what area of your life have you been praying small because your view of God has quietly shrunk?

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Paul prays big things to a big God.

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for the times I have made You small. Expand my vision of who You are, and give me the courage to pray boldly to a big God. Amen.

Day 2: Strength You Did Not Earn

Devotional

There is a version of faith that quietly becomes self-reliance. We pray, but we also hustle. We trust God, but we also make sure we have a backup plan. Over time, we can start to believe that our spiritual growth depends mostly on our own effort and discipline.

Paul's prayer pushes back on that. The strength he asks for on behalf of believers is not something they generate on their own. It is entirely credited to God, received by those who simply trust Him. This is not passive laziness. It is the posture of someone who knows where real power comes from.

And that strength has a destination. Paul prays it would take root in your heart, the place where Christ does not visit temporarily but dwells permanently. Your heart is not a place Jesus passes through. It is His home.

This changes how you approach your struggles. You do not have to white-knuckle your way through hard seasons. You do not have to manufacture the strength to forgive, to love, or to keep going. That strength is already available to you through the Spirit living inside you. You just have to receive it.

Today, instead of trying harder, try trusting more. Let Christ be at home in you, and watch what He builds from the inside out.

Bible Verse

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." - Ephesians 3:16-17

Reflection Question

Where in your life are you relying on your own strength instead of receiving the power God has already made available to you?

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The strength that Paul prays for is not something we generate on our own. It is entirely credited to God, received passively by those who trust Him.

Prayer

Father, remind me today that I do not have to carry this alone. Strengthen me by Your Spirit, and make my heart a true home for Christ. Amen.

Day 3: Walls We Were Never Meant to Build

Devotional

Left to ourselves, we build walls. It happens almost without thinking. Someone hurts us and we pull back. A disagreement turns into a label. A difference becomes a reason to keep our distance. Before long, the people around us are not really people anymore. They are categories.

This is not just a cultural problem. It is a heart problem. And it shows up inside the church just as much as anywhere else.

Christ has already torn down the wall of hostility between people. That work is finished. But when we live disconnected from His strength and His love, we pick up the bricks and start rebuilding. We do it with silence, with gossip, with assumptions, and with the quiet decision to stop trying.

Paul's prayer is that believers would be rooted and grounded in love, because love is the only foundation strong enough to keep the walls from going back up. That kind of love does not come from trying harder to be a nicer person. It comes from being so deeply connected to Christ that His love begins to overflow into how you see and treat others.

You were not made to live behind walls. You were made for the kind of community where disagreement does not mean despising, and where love is strong enough to hold people together even when it is hard.

Bible Verse

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." - Ephesians 2:14

Reflection Question

Is there a wall you have quietly rebuilt between yourself and someone else that Christ has already torn down?

Quote

Christ has already torn down the wall of hostility, but left to ourselves, we put them right back up.

Prayer

Jesus, show me the walls I have built that You never intended to be there. Give me the courage and the love to let them come down. Amen.

Day 4: You Cannot Grasp This Alone

Devotional

There are things about God that you will never fully understand on your own. Not because you are not smart enough or faithful enough, but because no single life is wide enough to hold all of who He is.

Paul prays that believers would grasp the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ's love together with all the saints. That word together is not accidental. It is the whole point. God's love is wide enough to reach the entire world. It is long enough to stretch from eternity to eternity. It is high enough to lift the most unlikely people into heavenly places. And it is deep enough to rescue from the very grip of sin itself.

No one person can reflect all of that. But a community of people, each carrying a different piece of the story, can begin to show the world something of the full picture.

This is why community is not optional. It is not just a nice addition to your faith. It is the place where God's love becomes visible in ways it simply cannot be when you are on your own. The person sitting next to you in church has seen a side of God you have not yet experienced. And you carry something they need too.

Do not settle for a faith that stays private. Step into the community around you. You need them, and they need you.

Bible Verse

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." - Ephesians 3:17-18

Reflection Question

What part of God's character might you be missing because you have been trying to experience faith mostly on your own?

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It's going to take all of us, all of the saints, to grasp the breadth and the length and the height and the depth. That is the love of God, because we serve a big God.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for placing me in a community of people who reflect different parts of Your love. Help me to lean into that community and not pull away from it. Amen.

Day 5: More Than His Blessings

Devotional

We spend a lot of energy chasing things we hope will finally make us feel complete. A better job, a healthier relationship, a season of life with less stress. And when God provides those things, we are grateful. But if we are honest, the feeling of fullness never quite lasts as long as we hoped.

Paul's prayer ends with something that reframes all of it. He asks that believers would be filled with all the fullness of God. Not just His blessings. Not just His provision or His peace or His protection. God Himself.

This is the deepest invitation in all of Scripture. The greatest gift God offers is not something He gives. It is Himself. And the more clearly we see who He is, the more we realize that nothing else was ever going to satisfy the longing we were trying to fill.

This kind of fullness grows in community. It grows when we pray together, serve together, and are honest with one another about where we are struggling. It grows when we stop performing and start belonging. It grows when we decrease and He increases in our lives.

You were made for more than a life of collecting blessings. You were made to be filled with God Himself. That is not a distant spiritual concept. It is the most practical and life-changing truth you can carry into this week.

Bible Verse

"...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." - Ephesians 3:19

Reflection Question

What are you currently chasing to feel complete, and how might pursuing God Himself change what you are looking for?

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The deepest fullness is not found in the blessings that God gives us, but it's found in God Himself.

Prayer

Father, help me want You more than I want what You give. Fill me with Yourself, and let that be enough. Amen.