

EPHESIANS, FALL 2022 | PARKING LOT THOUGHT DEVOTIONAL
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<p>09.11.2022 EPHESIANS 1:1-14</p>	<p>"God the Father has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Think deeply on that and glorify God! Glorify Him by loving your family members. Glorify Him by asking His forgiveness. Glorify Him by not withholding your forgiveness of others."</p>	<p>How are His spiritual blessings manifesting in your life?</p>
<p>09.18.22 EPHESIANS 1:15-23</p>	<p>"Pray intentionally for wisdom for each other. We pray for wisdom that we may continue to have hope. We pray for wisdom in order to know His great power, which is at work within us. And we pray for each other for the unity of the body. Keep praying. Affirm your hope in Him."</p>	<p>How do you pursue His wisdom?</p>
<p>09.25.22 EPHESIANS 2:1-10</p>	<p>"God's family has family work to do. As God's family we pray together, study Scripture together, and work together. By the power of God working in all of us, we will together become all that He created us to be. Expect His power this week."</p>	<p>How have you experienced His power working in you?</p>
<p>10.02.22 EPHESIANS 2:11-18</p>	<p>"Christ has created one new humanity by removing the enmity and making peace. Do we need to remove enmity by apologizing to or making amends with anyone this week? Is there a relationship where we need to absorb wrongs done to us to make peace? Let's ask each other for prayer in support of our peace-making efforts and pray for those who have asked us to pray for them. If we do these things, we will see the removing of enmity and the making of peace in Christ!"</p>	<p>How can you be a peace-maker?</p>

<p>10.09.22 EPHESIANS 2:19-22</p>	<p>"In Christ, we are joined together and increase to become the Temple of the Lord. The language is mind-blowing and true! His Spirit is in us! Remember who you are in Christ and let this reality be the foundation of all your words and actions. Then together, as we listen for His Spirit, we will increase and multiply. This is God's blessing and our calling."</p>	<p>How is Christ present in your words and actions?</p>
<p>10.23.22 EPHESIANS 3:1-13</p>	<p>"The Good News of Jesus Christ is amazing... and true. We know it is true because Jesus rose from the dead. Pray for God's help in speaking truth to those who are willing to listen. Don't give up when following Jesus becomes hard. We are in a spiritual battle and the enemy is fighting back. But Jesus Christ has overcome the world. Be encouraged. God's power at work in you is great."</p>	<p>What do you thank Jesus for overcoming in your life?</p>
<p>10.30.22 EPHESIANS 3:14-19</p>	<p>"Pray that we can know God's riches so we can grasp His love. Pray for your faithful and loving friends throughout the day. Pray that we can be free from grasping at riches and power in this world, as we consider His riches and power. And pray that we can know His love that surpasses knowledge as we love one another."</p>	<p>How are you pursuing God's riches in your life?</p>
<p>11.06.22 EPHESIANS 3:20-21</p>	<p>"God can do more than we ask or currently perceive. Ask for endurance for yourselves and for others and watch Him provide. Set your mind on the revealed mystery of Christ in Ephesians and know that what He will do is beyond what you can even imagine. To Him who is able to do more than we ask or currently perceive be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever."</p>	<p>How have you limited God in your thinking?</p>

<p>11.13.22 EPHESIANS 4:1-6</p>	<p>"We are one. We all are completely one. We are a united New Creation in Christ. Now we must walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received. Be completely humble and gentle. Be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eagerly desire the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."</p>	<p>What does unity in the Body look like to you?</p>
<p>11.20.22 EPHESIANS 4:7-16</p>	<p>"The Lord ascended on high and gave gifts to men. Paul has Psalm 68:18 and all of Psalm 68 on his mind as he writes Ephesians. Read Psalm 68 and using the table below reflect on the image of Jesus descending into a world ruled by evil, conquering it, and then ascending back to heaven as a victorious King. Jesus has given power and might to his people so that you can serve. Go serve someone today."</p>	<p>Meditate on the ascension of the risen King. Record your reflections.</p>

Comparing Ephesians to Psalm 68

SUBJECT	PSALMS	EPHESIANS
There is a spiritual enemy.	68:15,30	2:2a
We belonged to the spiritual enemy.	68:18	2:2b-3
Our King rescued us from the spiritual enemy.	68:1-3	2:4-6
He creates family.	68:5-6	1:5
He rescues the dead.	68:20	2:1 & 2:5
The King is rich.	68:12, 18, 29, 30	1:20-23
Our King has given to us out of his riches.	68:10, 35	1:18-19 & 2:6-7