A Devotional from Ephesians 3

Day 1 — A Prisoner for Christ

📖 ***Scripture:*** Ephesians 3:1

💭 ***Devotional Thought:*** Paul doesn't see himself as a prisoner of Rome—he calls himself a prisoner of Christ. That perspective changes everything. Chains didn't define him — his calling did. Before Christ, Paul imprisoned others. Now, he suffers imprisonment for the sake of the gospel. Yet instead of bitterness, we see purpose. Even in confinement, Paul understood he was exactly where God had placed him. When we see ourselves as belonging fully to Christ, even hardship becomes a mission field.

🪞 ***Reflection****:* Where has God placed you right now that you've been tempted to resist instead of embrace as an opportunity for His purposes?

🙏 ***Prayer****:* Lord, help me to see my circumstances through Your eyes. Teach me to live with purpose wherever You have placed me, trusting that You are at work even in the hard places.

Day 2 — Faithful in Every Opportunity

📖 ***Scripture****:* Philippians 1:12–14

💭 ***Devotional Thought:*** Paul didn't waste his imprisonment—he used it. Guards, officials, fellow prisoners—everyone became part of his mission field. What seemed like limitation became opportunity. We often think bold faith requires ideal conditions. But Paul shows us the opposite: faithfulness happens in the ordinary, even inconvenient, moments of life.

Fear often holds us back—not persecution, but discomfort. Yet others around the world risk everything for the gospel. The question isn't whether we have opportunities—it's whether we will be faithful with them.

🪞 ***Reflection****:* What opportunities has God already given you to share your faith that you may have overlooked or avoided?

🙏 ***Prayer****:* Father, give me eyes to see the opportunities around me. Help me to be faithful, even when it's uncomfortable, and to speak with courage and love.

Day 3 — Grace Given for Others

📖 ***Scripture****:* Ephesians 3:2–6

💭 ***Devotional Thought****:* Paul makes it clear: the grace given to him wasn't just for him—it was for others. His calling to the Gentiles was part of God's plan all along. The gospel was never meant to stay contained; it was meant to reach all people.

The same is true for us. Every gift, every experience, every measure of grace we've received is meant to be shared. In our current situation we may not be crossing cultural divides like Paul, but God has placed people in our lives—different ages, backgrounds, and stories—who need the love of Christ.

The question becomes: are we living like passengers or participants? Are we consuming or contributing?

🪞 ***Reflection****:* Who has God placed in your life right now that you may be called to reach, encourage, or serve?

🙏 ***Prayer****:* Lord, remind me that what You've given me is not just for me. Show me who I can serve and help me to step outside my comfort zone with Your love.

Day 4 — Equipped by Grace

📖 *Scripture:* Ephesians 3:7–13

💭 ***Devotional Thought****:* Paul says he became a servant of the gospel by the gift of God's grace. This wasn't self-made strength—it was God-given power. That's important, because it means the same grace is available to us.

Many feel unqualified or incapable of sharing their faith. But God doesn't call the equipped—He equips the called. What He asks you to do, He will empower you to accomplish. Even introverts, even the hesitant, even those who feel inadequate—God works through them. When you rely on His strength instead of your own, you begin to see that boldness isn't personality—it's dependence on Him.

🪞 ***Reflection****:* Where do you feel inadequate in serving God, and how might He be calling you to trust His grace in that area?

🙏 ***Prayer****:* God, I know I can't do this on my own. Thank You for Your grace that equips me. Help me to rely on Your strength and step forward in faith.

Day 5 — Rooted in Love, Bold in Faith

📖 ***Scripture****:* Ephesians 3:14–21

💭 ***Devotional Thought****:* Before Paul calls believers to boldness, he prays for their depth. He prays that they would be rooted and grounded in love—because boldness without depth won't last.

True confidence in Christ flows from a deep understanding of His love and power. When you know who you are in Him, you can approach both God and others with confidence.

The same power that strengthened Paul is at work in you. So when the opportunity comes—you don't have to shrink back.

🪞 ***Reflection****:* Are you spending time being rooted in Christ so that your faith is strong enough to stand and speak when opportunities arise?

🙏 ***Prayer****:* Heavenly Father, root me deeply in Your love. Strengthen my faith so that I may live boldly for You. Help me trust that You are working in ways greater than I can imagine. Amen.