

God's StoryTM Our Story

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One in Christ

Devotion: Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of unity and justice,
You care less about our ancestry and more about the state of our hearts. Cover us with the garment of your salvation and prepare us for effective witness in your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Reflect: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:27-29

Study: Study the reading and consider the background.

Paul wrote some of his most famous words to the church in Galatia, calling them out for improperly imposing Jewish customs on their Gentile members. If Paul had a time machine, what do you suppose he might say to us today?

Consider: Consider this theme for the week's text.

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Read: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *One in Christ*, Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
Monday: *Hagar and Sarah*, Galatians 4:21-5:1
Tuesday: *The Nature of Christian Freedom*, Galatians 5:2-15
Wednesday: *Works of the Flesh*, Galatians 5:16-21
Thursday: *The Fruit of the Spirit*, Galatians 5:22-26
Friday: *Bear One Another's Burdens*, Galatians 6:1-10
Saturday: *Final Words and Blessing*, Galatians 6:11-18

How does Paul describe the community of faith?

Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

What stories does your community have that shape who you are as a community? What stories do you want to have shape you? What stories are ready to be laid to rest? How can you write new stories to shape who you are moving forward?

Who do you want to get to know better? Why?

Do: By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Walk in someone's shoes. Choose one person you love or even someone you want to know more about. Throughout the week, be aware of how the world treats that someone else based on their color, gender, size. How do you treat them?

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

We are one in Christ. Amen.