

## MONDAY 11.17.25 - John 10:27-29

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*

It is great to know that we are secure in Christ and have the assurance of spending an eternity with Him. However, how about when we find ourselves in the trials of life here and now. I think today's scripture addresses this when Christ says "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. God knows what you are facing and He not only has your back, but your sides, your front, the ground under your feet, and the sky over your head. He is speaking security into your life today; the question is, are you taking the time to hear what He is telling you. Remember, no matter where you find yourself in life, God is there with you saying, I love you, I am in control, and it is going to be okay. "STOP", be still, and listen to the security God is speaking into your life today.

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## TUESDAY 11.18.25 - Romans 8:38-39

*<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The message is straightforward: We serve a God whose love is constant and unyielding. It is a love that binds us to Him and nothing in creation, including ourselves can sever the relationship.

Reading John 10:27-29, adds to the assurance that nothing can separate us from God's love. *<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

*<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all<sup>[a]</sup>; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.* Combined these two passages illustrates the security of the eternal nature of our relationship with Christ. The certainty of that eternal relationship with Christ is a constant reminder that God's love is always present as we navigate the challenges of life. Christ will never leave us or forsake us.

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## WEDNESDAY 11.19.25 - Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul desires the Ephesian Christians to understand what great wealth they have in Christ. Paul knew of their faith and love, and in this he rejoiced. However, Paul knew that faith and love were just the beginning. The Ephesians needed to know much more. This is why he prayed for them—and for us. In the prison prayers of Paul (Eph. 1:15-23; 3:14-21; Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9-12), we discover the blessings he wants his converts to enjoy. In none of these prayers does Paul request material things. His emphasis is on spiritual perception and Christian character. He doesn't ask God to give them what they don't have. Rather, he prays that God will reveal to them what they already have. Today, pray the words of Paul's prayer, applying them to your own Christian life. Pray that you will experience these spiritual wonders.

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## THURSDAY 11.20.25 - Proverbs 15:29

When we are walking closely with the Lord and our prayers flow freely, we are filled with the peace that passes understanding (Phil. 4:7). We were created to have close fellowship with the

Lord; in fact, He visited the Garden daily to walk and talk with Adam and Eve. But when they broke His commandment, they hid from His presence, severing that intimate fellowship (Gen. 3).

And thus, it has been ever since. In today's Scripture we are told that "The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the righteous." Isaiah 59:2 reiterates that our iniquities have separated us from God. But God loves us and wants our fellowship, so He made a way through Jesus's blood (Eph. 2:13). Further, when we stray, we have a way back to Him through confessing our sins (1 John 1:9). The Lord loves us deeply and longs to hear our righteous prayers.

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## FRIDAY 11.21.25 - Psalm 66:18

If you are like me, your prayer life waxes and wanes over time. In the great times it is uplifting and easy to praise God. In the bad or difficult times it is needful and easy to run to God. But in the 'good' times He is sometimes relegated to a side spot, not really even considered. But He is faithful and ready to hear us when we call upon Him.

However, there are times when we may need Him and He will NOT be there. Can this really be true? Today's verse admonishes us to consider our heart and its condition. If malice, ill-will, rests there, then He will not hear us. If our heart's condition is acting like our unsaved friends or even our enemies, if our sin is in control, then He is not listening. He demands that we confess, repent and then come.

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## **E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES**

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **WINTER QUARTER** - Sunday Mornings at 9:40  
LOCATION: B8-10 - Gene Steinruck- begins Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**EXPLORE THE BIBLE:**  
**Matthew 1-13**  
We learn what to do in life by watching the example of one who's walked that path already. For Christ followers, we have no greater example than what we see in the life of Jesus. you'll get a firsthand account of what it's like to walk with Jesus each day-and learn what it means to become a citizen of God's
- LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE:**  
**Limited Resources, Limitless God**  
God never intended for us to stand alone but to rely on Him. When we look to Him, we discover that our all-gracious and limitless God is more than enough to help us live life to the fullest.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
**WILL NOT BE MEETING on 11/16.**
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center  
**BUDGET Q&A on 11/16 at 6pm**

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES, USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

## **Ephesians 1:13-14** **Blessings For The Body (Part 3)**

While under house arrest in Rome, Paul writes to the Ephesian Church in AD 60—about five years after he left Ephesus. Paul writes this letter to promote ...

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

The Book of Ephesians is about the Church—the Body of Christ. In chapters 1-3, Paul presents The Riches of the Church. In chapters 4-6, Paul presents The Responsibilities of the Church.

God has provided spiritual riches to the Body of Christ:

1. God decided that the Body of Christ would possess \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v 4)
2. God determined that the Body of Christ would possess \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 5-6)
3. God declared that the Body of Christ would possess \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 7-8)
4. God decided that the Body of Christ would possess \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 9-10)
5. God destined that the Body of Christ would possess an \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 11-12)
6. God determined that the Body of Christ would possess \_\_\_\_\_ (vv 13-14)

### Application

Trust in Christ for eternal life to receive His spiritual blessings (v 13).  
Each member of the Godhead is involved in the riches you possess as a member of the Body of Christ. So, Praise the Father (v 6), Praise the Son (v 12), Praise the Spirit (v 14)!

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



November 17 - November 21

### INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

### OVERVIEW:

Monday and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from November 16<sup>th</sup>, "Blessing for the Body" (Part 3), with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, "Knowing God", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever  
Hebrews 13:8