



Never Forget Where You're From

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TODAY'S READING: Ephesians 2

I am sure we have all heard the very popular saying, "Don't forget where you came from." In reading this passage of scripture today, that phrase comes to my mind. In today's climate, many times we see the people around us doing and saying evil and vile things. They seem to have no moral compass of values that filter their actions and behaviors. People seem to be spiraling out of control. We are quick to judge and condemn them. We fail to remember that we, at some level of sin, are not too long ago removed from where they are. Paul speaks to this, *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience"* (Ephesians 2:1-2, NKJV).

We must never think of ourselves more than we ought. No one of us is any better than the other, all are sinners in need of a Savior. We are blessed to have been given the opportunity to know and grow in Jesus. However, all of us at one period of time were alienated from Him, just as those formerly mentioned. **BUT GOD!!** *"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"* (Ephesians 2:4-6, NKJV).

There was a time when we were without Christ. Now we have been saved by our belief in His being God's Son and God coming in the flesh to save a wretched people like you and me. We understand Jesus suffered and died at the hands of lawless men, then rose on the third day to reign in heaven on the throne of God forevermore. This is the salvation story, the story of glory. We must help those outside of Christ be brought near to Him, just as we were. *"That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"* (Ephesians 2:12-13, NKJV).

This is our purpose! This is what every follower of Christ is commanded to do--share His love and the redemption story. Therefore, never forget where you came from. Reimagine your life as a missionary on mission for the cause of Christ! Share Him with others as He has been shared with you! The more we share, the more we will enable others to share in our special family status, *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit"* (Ephesians 2:19-22, NKJV).

PRAYER: Our Father in the heavens, we thank You for our time with You in study today. Father, we thank You for Jesus and His loving sacrifice made on our behalf. Father, help us be good stewards of Your grace and share Christ Jesus with others. Father, we understand it is our duty to work out our salvation in this effort. Please continue to love us and lead us in all things Jesus. We ask this in His holy name, amen.

TOMORROW'S READING: Ephesians 3

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