

# WISH YOU WERE HERE

## FAMILY DEVOTION



### *Week 9: Ephesians 4:17-32*

1. Think back to when you first became a Christ-follower. What was it that caused you to see a need for a savior in your life? What were some things you had to repent of?
2. This passage in Ephesians 4 talks about a contrasting way of life from before & after choosing to follow Jesus. What were some of the biggest changes you made in your life after becoming a Christ-follower? Did you have anyone in your life think you were crazy or over-the-top? How did you explain your “new life in Christ” to that kind of person?
3. Read 2 Samuel 11:1. What do you notice in this verse? Do you think David not being where he should have been contributed to or even helped to cause David to sin? What can we learn from this?
4. In 2 Samuel 12, the prophet Nathan confronted David about his sins. Do you have someone in your life to keep you accountable for your words & actions? If so, who is that person? If not, would you challenge yourself to think of a person who could do this for you and reach out to them this week?
5. In response to his sins of adultery & murder, David wrote Psalm 51. Read Psalm 51, and as you do, think about these questions: What emotions is David feeling as he writes this Psalm & why do you say that? What words does David use to show repentance?
6. Have you ever dealt/struggled with condemnation over something you’ve done in the past that has been completely forgiven & dealt with? Why do you think we struggle with condemnation? What do you think we can do to fend off feelings of condemnation in order to live an overcoming, Christ-centered life?

### *This Week's Prayer*

“God, I admit that I am frail and imperfect. I aim to please you in all I say and do, but I know at times I fall short of the mark in certain areas of my life. When I make mistakes, no matter how big or small, would you help me to quickly admit when I am wrong? God, remove pride, fear, and insecurity from my heart, and help me to repent when I sin. I know when I repent You forgive me, so help me to walk in Your forgiveness and resist the lies of condemnation so I can live a life of true freedom in You. Amen.”

