



## DAY 75

### READ

EPHESIANS 3:10-13

### FOCUS

<sup>10</sup>HIS INTENT WAS THAT NOW, THROUGH THE CHURCH, THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE KNOWN TO THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS, <sup>11</sup>ACCORDING TO HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE THAT HE ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. <sup>12</sup>IN HIM AND THROUGH FAITH IN HIM WE MAY APPROACH GOD WITH FREEDOM AND CONFIDENCE. <sup>13</sup>I ASK YOU, THEREFORE, NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF MY SUFFERINGS FOR YOU, WHICH ARE YOUR GLORY.

### REFLECTION from DIRECTOR AUTUMN IGO

I'm not super skilled at it, but I like to quilt. Generally I stick to the quilts with simple designs and easy assembly, but there was this one time that I made a "Pineapple Log Cabin" quilt. It was complicated...really complicated. You had to cut strips of varying shades of light and dark fabric and sew them alternately together around a small square in the center of each piece. The resulting quilt block didn't look like much of anything. I had a set of directions that told me how to do this and I pretty much just blindly followed what it told me to do, trusting that something cool would be the result. It wasn't until each block was complete and sewn to the other blocks that the final pattern finally emerged. I looked at it and thought...wow, whoever thought of this pattern was really smart!!

One block:



This is the image I get when I think about what God did with the Church. In v. 10 Paul says that when the rulers in the heavenly realms look at His Church, they will see it and think...wow, is He smart!

Blocks together:



When we think of the world "Church," most often we think of a building with a steeple and probably a cross somewhere prominently displayed. But the word that is actually used here is: ekklesia. This word describes, not a building, but a group of people united by a common occupation or purpose. And that's what we are... a group of unique individuals who have been united in Christ. We are the tool that God has chosen to make His wisdom known in the world. When people look at us, united in love, they will be struck by the goodness of God.



## DAILY DEVOTION

**DAY 75****REFLECTION from DIRECTOR AUTUMN IGO (CONT'D)**

What a privilege and responsibility we have...to be ones in that God points to and says, "You've been wondering about my wisdom? Well, look at them! That should clear things up!" I'm reminded that all on my own, I don't add up to much. But together with the rest of the Body of Christ...together we make something truly amazing.

**QUESTIONS**

- DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DISPLAY GOD'S WISDOM AND GLORY ON YOUR OWN?
- HOW DOES YOUR UNITY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS INCREASE GOD'S GLORY?
- WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BUILD UNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS TO TRULY BECOME THE "EKKLESIA" OF CHRIST?