



PART 4

OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES *(read when prompted)*

Ephesians 2:11-18

Psalm 37:4

1 Peter 1:23

Ephesians 2:14-18

Ephesians 4:1-3

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- **Read Ephesians 2:11-18.** There was a time that we were without Christ aka *Gentiles in the flesh*, but that is not who we are anymore. As we grew up our nature created our desires and our desires created our conduct. Being born again means that God has changed our nature from the flesh to the spirit. God makes us unlike us and just like Him. **Read Psalm 37:4.** God will align your desires when you delight yourself in Him. You and God will want the same thing in life when your desires match with His. You are not truly free until your desires have changed. You're not free if you are itching to partake in your addictions. You're free when the taste for it has been removed. Then once the desire is gone your conduct will change. You can't behave Godly until you become Godly. ***Is there something your flesh is holding onto that your spirit is trying to get rid of? Do your desires match with God's?***

- **Read 1 Peter 1:23.** Everything that is in me, and all the potential I have, is in my seed. A seed produces after its own kind. Being born again of incorruptible seed is being born of His seed. When we are born again of His seed we have His potential but it has to be cultivated. Being in the right atmosphere with Godly people that encourage us and motivate us to be closer to God will make the seed grow. You cannot reach your potential in an adverse environment. **Are the people around you helping you grow your seed? What is the seed of potential that God has placed in you?**
- **Read Ephesians 2:14-18.** Jesus didn't just take on sin on the cross; He took on the walls of division. Jesus took on hate that put us on opposite ends. But by His peace and making our relationships right, we are to unite. **Read Ephesians 4:1-3.** We have been called to live above the hate and division of this world. God has called us to act like who we really are and live by this code: lowliness, gentleness, with longsuffering and bearing with one another in love. When we live with these characteristics in the forefront people will look to us as a model for change. Don't let the colors that you see or the sides of town you live on break the fact that you are one with your brothers and sisters. The burden is on us to keep relationships healthy. Endeavor to keep the bonds of peace by not letting what's going on around you break the unity you have with God. **Do you feel hopeful or hopeless with the current state of the world? How can you keep your relationships healthy?**

PRAYER FOCUS

This week pray for those to cultivate their Godly seed. Many people have the potential in them to do great things but they don't do it out of fear of failure. Let's pray that they bring people around them to help them grow into God's greatness!