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Today's Message

Setting Sail

Today's Main Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-21

Main Point

As he prepares to show us God's plan for a life-giving home, Paul puts the finishing touches on his picture of the worthy walk, culminating with a call to be filled with the Spirit of life.

Focus: verses 15-18

Be

CIRCUMSPECT	akribos
REDEMPTIVE	exagorazo
DISCERNING	syniemi
FILLED	plerōo

Don't Be

UNWISE	asophos
FOOLISH	aphron
DRUNK	methysko

Self Reflection:

1. This passage is the “on-ramp” for Paul’s guidance for the roles in a Christian home. (Found in Eph 5:22 – 6:4) Which phrases in vv15-21 stand out as essential prerequisites for a life-giving home environment?
2. V16 “...making the best use of the time...” is literally translated as “redeeming the time.” In what areas of your life do you need to buy back, or repurchase, the time you have been given? Is there a lesser “yes” in your life that has implicitly become a “no” to something more worthy? We know that just as it’s possible to waste money, it is also possible to waste time. Do you have any need for repentance here? Are you willing to ask God to show you?
3. The Greek word underlying “understand” in v17 could be translated as “mentally synthesize” in English. What does it literally mean to synthesize? What are we being asked to synthesize at this point in Paul’s letter? What has Paul shown us to be the Lord’s will?
4. Believers have long affirmed that “it’s all God’s” when it comes to matters of the wealth he entrusts to us. How does this principle relate or transfer over to v6?
5. Why do you think Paul used drunkenness to be a paralleling contrast with being filled with the Holy Spirit? (v18)
6. The centerpiece of this passage is the phrase “but be filled with the Spirit.” Can you find all the other references to filling and fullness in Ephesians? (at least 5 total) We often hold back from transformative changes for one of two reasons. A) a failure to believe it’s possible, or B) a failure to imagine all of the blessings that the change will bring. What do you think holds Christians back more often? (reference Acts 4:31, 1 Cor 6:19, Rom 8:9 & 14)