

## Day 3 — Dying to Self

### Scripture

Ephesians 5:31–32

### Reflection

Marriage and close relationships are not built on self-fulfillment but on self-surrender. The picture of “two funerals and one wedding” captures the call to die to selfish desires and live as one. Unity grows when both individuals commit to honoring God above personal gain and personal preference.

### Illustration

Two streams merge into one river, losing their separate paths to move together toward a shared destination.

### Application

- What does dying to self look like in your relationships today?
- Where might God be calling you to surrender personal preference for unity?

### Prayer

God, help me lay down my selfishness. Teach me to walk in unity and love that honors You. Amen.