

# DEVOTION TWENTY ONE.

## WELCOME BACK!

I hope you've enjoyed the series so far? We've taken a bit of a break on devotions whilst I've been preparing the next set. Think of it like waiting for the next season of your favourite Netflix series to start... (who am I kidding?!) But seriously, if you have been getting lots out of these devotions then I'd encourage you to continue and if you are someone who has dipped into them every now and then, then perhaps pray how God might be speaking to you through them in this next part.

This time round, I will be including some written devotions from other influential members of the church and... they will be shorter (*hurrah!*) I hope that they bless you to read, as much as they have me. I have also come to realise that reading might not always be your bag of beans, so I've included some video devotions in the mix that might just take the sting off the pages of assignments that are being thrown at you from school!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to say how amazing it has been to connect with you on Wednesdays. Bec's and I really enjoy putting the sessions together and having a good giggle with you. It's been brilliant to see your faces and keep a little bit of normality flowing.



Please know that we love you and are here for you if ever you need someone to chat with or support you emotionally with where you're at. It's perfectly normal to experience loneliness, boredom, sadness, fatigue. I've suffered it myself. Some of you may be experiencing depression, online bullying, a desperate urge to escape from the house! Please know that you are not alone! It's times like this that we don't always understand how God is working, but we do need to hold on to His word:



<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:16-21



Why don't you ponder this question for a while: In what ways have you best lived out your Christian faith during lockdown?



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