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Ephesians Application – Ch 1 - Pride tempts us to trust in our commitment to God; doubt makes us worry that we are not committed enough. God’s power is not automatically good news. It terrifies sinners, but it comforts us who know His love for us in Christ. Jesus blesses us spiritually by leading us to repent of sinful pride by the Law and calming our worried hearts through the Gospel.

Chs 2-3 - Today’s self-help culture tempts us to try to do it all ourselves. Though our personal credentials are important, our service in the church is based on God’s gifts and calling, which stem from the Gospel. Study of God’s Word naturally combines with prayer and praise in the Divine Service, where Christ’s gifts are given out, and we receive them with thanksgiving.

Chs 4:1-5:21 – Modern individualism and consumerism make it easy to treat the Church as “all about me.” Thanks be to God, the Church is all about Jesus, who provides for our salvation and edification. As Luther explains the Ten Commandments in the Catechism, the Law both forbids sinful behavior (“shall not”) and urges good works (“shall”). As we inevitably fail to live up to such demands, forgiveness preserves and restores the harmony of the Church. In our struggle against temptations, we can rely on Christ’s Word and Spirit to lead us.

Ch 5:22-6:24 – We are inclined today to view our marriages selfishly: what can I get out of it? Instead, we should consider what we can offer to our spouse and see behind each action a picture of the Gospel itself. Today, God calls us to serve Him and other people selflessly, lovingly, and conscious of our relationship to Christ. We should examine our lives and our callings. The Lord will forgive our shortcomings and strengthen us to be Christlike. In the modern world, the spiritual dimension of life is often overlooked. We view our problems—and try to solve them—in purely human terms. But the Lord works in us by His Word and Spirit.