



A BIG
Jesus
FOR LIFE'S
BIG PROBLEMS

5 DAYS OF PRAYING THROUGH COLOSSIANS 1:9-14.

- DAY 1: "...THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING," (COLOSSIANS 1:9).
 - DAY 2: "... SO AS TO WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD, FULLY PLEASING TO HIM..." (COLOSSIANS 1:10).
 - DAY 3: "... BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD," (COLOSSIANS 1:10).
 - DAY 4: "...BEING STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER, ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT, FOR ALL ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE WITH JOY," (COLOSSIANS 1:11).
 - DAY 5: "... GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER, WHO HAS QUALIFIED YOU TO SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT. ¹³ HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS AND TRANSFERRED US TO THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON, ¹⁴ IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS," (COLOSSIANS 1:12-14).
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THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN A FIVE DAY PRAYER GUIDE FOR COLOSSIANS 1:9-14.

AS WE SEEK TO BE TRANSFORMED, NOT INFORMED, BY GOD'S WORD, TAKE SOME TIME EVERYDAY TO PRAY THROUGH THIS GUIDE. USE IT TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR NEIGHBORS, YOUR CO-WORKERS, AND WHOEVER ELSE GOD PLACES ON YOUR MIND.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU, AS YOU PRAY THE SAME THING PAUL DID IN THIS PASSAGE, IS THAT GOD'S POWER WOULD BE UNLEASHED, HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE USHERED, AND HIS WORD WOULD TAKE ROOT IN, YOUR LIFE AS WE SEE JESUS FOR WHO HE REALLY IS, SO WE CAN LIVE THE LIVES HE WANTS US TO LIVE.

Day 1 – Colossians 1:9.

PRAY THAT, “YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL IN ALL SPIRITUAL WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING...”

WE ALL HAVE PLANS, GOALS, AND ASPIRATIONS FOR OUR LIVES. WHETHER IT’S BEING IN A CERTAIN PLACES IN OUR CAREER, BEING IN A CERTAIN PLACE IN OUR FAMILIES, OR BEING A CERTAIN PLACE IN OUR EDUCATION– WE ALL HAVE A GOAL, PLAN, AND ASPIRATION; AND, IF I CAN SAY IT THIS WAY, A WILL FOR OUR LIVES.

HOWEVER, AS PAUL IS PRAYING FOR THE COLOSSIANS, HE DOESN’T PRAY THAT THEY WOULD BE FOCUSED ON THEIR WILL FOR THEIR LIVES (NOT THAT THOSE THINGS ARE IMPORTANT), HE PRAYS THAT THEY WOULD BE FOCUSED ON GOD’S WILL FOR THEIR LIVES.

SOMETIMES IT’S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN OUR WILL FOR OUR LIVES; HIS PLAN IS BETTER THAN OUR PLAN, HIS WAYS ARE BETTER THAN OUR WAYS, AND HIS WILL FOR OUR LIVES ALWAYS LEAVES US FEELING MORE JOY, PEACE, PURPOSE, AND SATISFACTION.

AS YOU ENTER A NEW WEEK, TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- THANK GOD FOR REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH HIS WORD, THE BIBLE (HE HASN’T LEFT US GUESSING ABOUT WHO HE IS, HE HAS REVEALED HIMSELF TO US AND WANTS TO MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN!).
- PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD (THROUGH READING/ STUDYING THE BIBLE), SO THAT YOU CAN GROW IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD (WHO HE IS AND HOW HE CALLS US TO LIVE).
- REFLECT ON THE TIMES IN YOUR LIFE WHERE GOD’S PLAN HAS BEEN BETTER THAN YOUR PLAN.
- ASK THAT GOD WOULD HELP YOU TO FOLLOW HIS WILL IN ALL FACETS OF LIFE.

DAY 2 – COLOSSIANS 1:10.

PRAY THAT YOU WOULD, “... WALK IN A MANNER WORTHY OF THE LORD, FULLY PLEASING TO HIM...”

THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE.

THINK ABOUT IT! IF YOU VALUE UK FOOTBALL, YOUR LIFE IS GOING TO REFLECT THAT (CLOTHING, APPAREL, BUMPER STICKERS, SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, ETC.,). IF YOU VALUE PHYSICAL FITNESS, YOUR LIFE IS GOING TO REFLECT THAT (WAKING UP EARLY, WORKING OUT, MAINTAINING A HEALTHY DIET, ETC.,). IF YOU VALUE YOUR FINANCES, YOUR LIFE IS GOING TO REFLECT THAT (WORKING LONG HOURS, OPERATING A SIDE HUSTLE, DOING WHATEVER YOU CAN T MAKE A BUCK).

AS PAUL IS PRAYING FOR THE COLOSSIANS, HE PRAYS THAT THE WAY WE LIVE, AS CHRISTIANS, WOULD BE A DIRECT RESULT OF THE VALUES THAT WE HAVE; IN OTHER WORDS, PAUL IS PRAYING THAT THE COLOSSIANS WOULD LIVE THEIR LIVES IN A WAY THAT DRAWS ATTENTION, POINTS OTHERS TOO, AND WALKS WORTHY FOR, JESUS CHRIST.

IF YOU WERE TO LOOK AT YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW- HOW YOU TREAT YOUR FAMILY, WHAT YOU POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA, WHAT YOU DO WHEN NOBODY IS WATCHING- WOULD YOU SAY THAT YOU’RE WALKING WORTHY FOR JESUS?

AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR WEEK, TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS SO THAT YOU, LIKE THE COLOSSIANS, CAN WALK WORTHY:

- THANK GOD FOR GIVING US THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO WALK WORTHY THROUGH THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST.
- CONFESS THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF YOUR LIFE WHERE YOU’VE FAILED TO WALK WORTHY.
- ASK GOD TO CHANGE AND TRANSFORM THOSE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE SO THAT, IN EVERYTHING YOU DO, YOU CAN POINT OTHERS TO THE HOPE FOUND IN JESUS CHRIST.

DAY 3 – COLOSSIANS 1:10.

PRAY THAT YOU WOULD LIVE A LIFE WHICH IS, "... BEARING FRUIT
IN EVERY GOOD WORK AND INCREASING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF
GOD..."

AS PAUL CONTINUES TO PRAY FOR THE COLOSSIANS, HE PRAYS THAT THEY WOULD
LIVE A LIFE THAT BEARS FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK. WHAT, EXACTLY, DOES THAT
MEAN?

WELL, IN GALATIANS 5:22, PAUL TELLS US, "THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE,
JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-
CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW."

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW, AS A CHRISTIAN, IS THIS: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
IS NOT SOMETHING YOU (NATURALLY) CAN PRODUCE IN AND OF YOURSELF; RATHER, IT'S
SOMETHING THAT GOD HAS TO PRODUCE IN YOU (SUPERNATURALLY) THROUGH THE
HOLY SPIRIT... AND THAT'S WHY PAUL IS PRAYING THAT THIS WOULD BE REALITY IN
THEIR LIVES!

AS YOU SPEND TIME IN PRAYER TODAY, DO, AND ASK, THE FOLLOWING:

- READ JOHN 15:5.
- PRAY THAT GOD WOULD HELP YOU CULTIVATE A NORMAL RHYTHM OF SPENDING
TIME (ABIDING) WITH JESUS ON A DAILY BASIS SO THAT YOU, TOO, CAN BEAR FRUIT.
- ASK GOD TO REVEAL A SPECIFIC AREA OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT THAT YOU NEED
TO GROW IN.
- CONFESS YOUR NEED AND DEPENDENCE ON GOD TO PRODUCE IN YOU WHAT YOU
CANNOT PRODUCE IN YOURSELF.

DAY 4 – COLOSSIANS 1:11.

PRAY THAT YOU WOULD LIVE A LIFE WHICH IS, "...BEING STRENGTHENED WITH ALL POWER, ACCORDING TO HIS GLORIOUS MIGHT, FOR ALL ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE WITH JOY..."

WE ARE ALL FACING SOME SERIOUS CHALLENGES IN OUR LIVES.

WE'RE FACING CHARACTER FLAWS, WE'RE FACING ADDICTIONS, WE'RE FACING BROKEN MARRIAGES, WE'RE FACING KIDS WHO ARE STRAYING AWAY FROM THEIR WALK WITH THE LORD, AND A HOST OF OTHER THINGS. AND WHAT I KNOW, IS WE ARE ALL RUNNING OURSELVES RAGGED, BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO DO IT ALL IN OUR OWN STRENGTH.

I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW, BUT IT'S GOOD TO HEAR AGAIN: YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER, AND I DON'T HAVE THE POWER, TO LIVE THE LIVES THAT GOD WANTS US TO LIVE. IN FACT, YOUR POWER, AND MY POWER, IS WHAT GETS US INTO OUR MESSES IN THE FIRST PLACE, SO IT IS NOT OUR POWER THAT IS GOING TO GET US OUT OF OUT OF THOSE SITUATIONS.

THAT'S WHY PAUL PRAYS, IN COLOSSIANS 1:11, THAT THEY WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH POWER, AND NOT JUST ANY POWER, BUT GODS' POWER!

AS YOU REFLECT ON THIS TRUTH, TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- READ ROMANS 8:11 AND THANK GOD THAT THE SAME POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD NOW LIVES IN YOU AS A FOLLOWER OF JESUS!
- CONFESS THOSE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO OVERCOME BY YOUR OWN STRENGTH/POWER.
- ASK GOD TO GIVE YOU THE POWER FOR WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE WALKING THROUGH TODAY.

DAY 5 – COLOSSIANS 1:12-14.

PRAY THAT YOU WOULD LIVE A LIFE WHICH IS, "... GIVING THANKS TO THE FATHER, WHO HAS QUALIFIED YOU TO SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS IN LIGHT. ¹³ HE HAS DELIVERED US FROM THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS AND TRANSFERRED US TO THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON, ¹⁴ IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS..."

AS WE CONCLUDE OUR FIVE DAY JOURNEY THROUGH COLOSSIANS 1:9-14, I WANT YOU TO NOTICE TWO THINGS THAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT YOU:

- YOU ARE QUALIFIED. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT? GOD HAS QUALIFIED YOU- HE HAS MADE YOU WORTHY- TO BE A PART OF HIS FAMILY AND TO BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS CHRIST (2 CORINTHIANS 5:20).
- HE HAS FORGIVEN YOU OF YOUR SINS. GOD KNOWS THE WORST ABOUT YOU, YET HE LOVES YOU THE MOST. HE KNOWS YOUR MISTAKES, HE KNOWS YOUR FAILURES, AND HE KNOWS YOUR SHORTCOMINGS; AND, IN SPITE OF THOSE THINGS, HE SENT HIS SON, JESUS, TO LIVE A LIFE WE COULD NEVER LIVE, AND DIE A DEATH THAT WE DESERVED, SO THAT WE COULD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

AS WE WRAP UP THIS STUDY TOGETHER, TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Pray and thank God for the forgiveness that Jesus offers you (if you have never accepted Jesus' forgiveness, my prayer is that you would take that step and make that decision today!).
- Pray that you would see yourself the way God sees you, not the way the world sees you or you see yourself.
- Pray that God would open a door for you to share this good news with other people in your life this week!