

# COLOSSIANS: JESUS+

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF COLOSSE

Part 9: Saying Goodbye for Now

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## Final Thoughts from Colossians 4:2-6

### *Paul's Prayer Direction:*

<sup>2</sup> Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

**Application: Prayer is to be persistent, protective and filled with gratitude.**

### *Paul's Prayer Request:*

<sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

**Application: Prayer should be personal and inclusive.**

### *Paul's Prayerful Plea:*

<sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1) Be consistent

4) Be truthful

2) Be proactive

5) Be honest

3) Be gracious

6) Be thorough

## Final Thoughts from Colossians 4:7-18

### *More than just a list of friends:*

Tychicus - a close, trusted friend, who stayed at Paul's side

Onesimus - a runaway slave who found home again

Aristarchus - a fellow prisoner who felt the same pain

Mark - a restored friend who once walked away

Jesus (Justus) - just some guy

Epaphras - a bringer and includer

Luke - a doctor who took notes

Demas - the friend who got away

### **Paul's Final Words:**

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.

Remember my chains.

Grace be with you.

### **Next Steps**

Initiate one gospel-centered conversation this week using the guidelines from Colossians 4.

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What is your favorite style of summer footwear? Why?
- 2) Why do you pray and what do you pray about most?
- 3) What does an inconsistent life portray to someone who does now know Jesus? What does a consistent life portray to someone who does not know Jesus?
- 4) How can your conversation be full of grace, seasoned with salt and prepared with an answer?
- 5) Paul had a close circle of friends. Who is your closest friend and what has drawn you together? (adversity, common life patterns, age, geography?)
- 6) How can we pray for you today?