



## Staying Faithful

**Colossians 1:1-14 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy your brother, <sup>2</sup> To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. <sup>3</sup> We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### Four Ways to Live a Life with Maximum Impact

- 1) Live with JOY and always GIVE THANKS.
  - We should be the most thankful and joyful people in the world since Jesus rescued and redeemed us and set us free.
  
- 2) Live strengthened by His POWER and GLORIOUS might, producing endurance and patience.
  - Life as a Christian often times is very difficult. We remember the tomb is empty and power and might are available.
  
- 3) Have a desire to grow in the KNOWLEDGE of God.
  - Rescued and redeemed but wanting to get to know Him better everyday.

4) Bear FRUIT in EVERY good work.

- The joy and thankfulness will spill out of us as we tap into the power of God and grow in Him every day. This allows us to point people to Jesus with what we say and do.

### Additional Notes...

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### scriptures that relate

Monday: Colossians 1	Wednesday: Colossians 3	Friday: Ephesians 1
Tuesday: Colossians 2	Thursday: Colossians 4	Saturday: Ephesians 2

### small groups—talk it over

1. Why is Paul so encouraged by what's happening in chapter 1?
2. How do we have maximum impact in our spiritual lives?
3. Where do you struggle with endurance and/or patience?
4. What is the most effective way for you to grow in the knowledge of the Lord?

### pastor brian's prayer requests

- Monday:** Pray for our upcoming Vacation Bible School.
- 
- Tuesday:** Pray for our Missions Department as they plan opportunities for all ages to serve.
- 
- Wednesday:** Pray for our Youth as they kickoff Summer Wednesday nights.
- 
- Thursday:** Pray for those who are hurting, struggling and trying to move forward.
- 
- Friday:** Pray for our PrimeTimers because they are a very special group in our church.
- 
- Saturday:** Pray for our weekend services that God would move in special ways.
-