



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** January 24, 2021

**Passage:** Colossians 1:24–2:5

**Theme:** Gospel Servants

**Main Idea:** The Gospel calls us to serve in God's glorious work.

How? As God's servants, ...

1. See your suffering as part of God's plan (1:24).
2. Surrender your will to God's role for you (1:25–27).
3. Strive to bring others to maturity in Christ (1:28–29).
4. Struggle to comfort one another with love found wholly in Christ (2:1-5).

## Application Questions:

- As seen from the logic of this passage, why can Paul say that he rejoices in his sufferings (Remember that he wrote this letter from prison)? How does this impact your life as you suffer?
- Does Paul's own ministry/service in God's plan and what motivated him, as described in vv. 25–27, apply to your life today? What is different and yet what is the same for all of us?
- What does 1:28–29 teach us about the process of discipleship in church? Do you have a role to play in this discipleship process? How so?
- How does Paul's description of comfort in 2:1–3 differ from the typical understanding of comfort? In what ways should this impact your own involvement in extending comfort and compassion to others within the body of Christ?

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