

“Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.”

Colossians 4:12-13 NIVUK

“You learned it [the true gospel] from Epaphras, *our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ* on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.”

Colossians 1:7-8 NIVUK



Epaphras

A Man with a
Message for Our Time

A fountain pen with a cork stopper lies on a sandy beach. The background shows gentle waves of the ocean under a soft, overcast sky. The entire scene is framed by a white border.

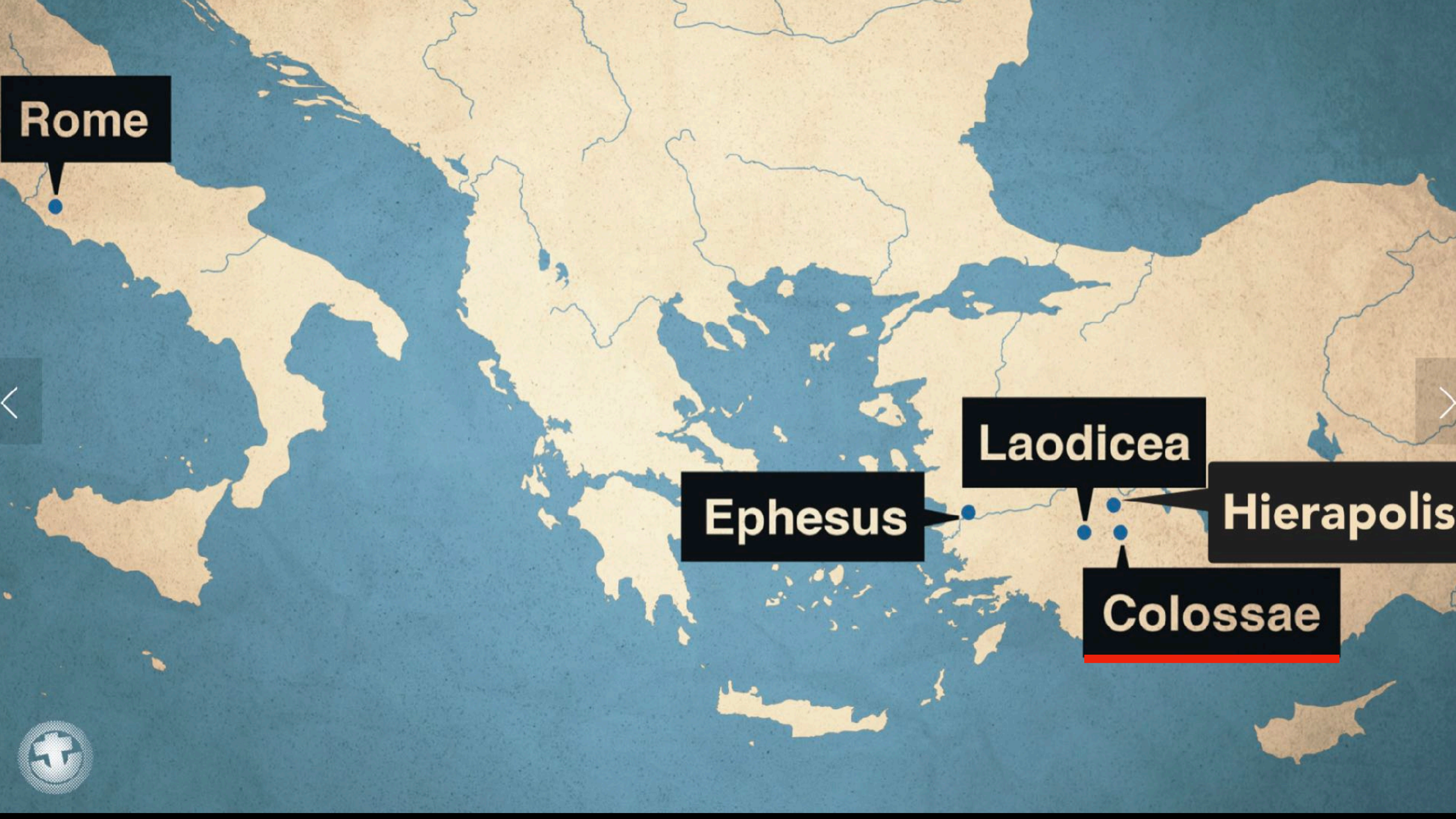
My hope is that we will feel energized in the practicing of our faith as we learn some important, powerful, and repeatable insights about Epaphras.

A glass bottle with a cork is lying on a sandy beach. The bottle is tilted, and the cork is at the top right. The background shows the ocean waves under a dark sky. The text is overlaid on a white rectangular box in the center of the image.

**This ordinary man had an
extraordinary impact.**

Colossae: The City

- :: Polytheistic Roman city
- :: *The church was being influenced by false teachers and those belittling the deity of Jesus*
- :: City in decline
- :: *Severely damaged by an earthquake in 17AD and 60AD (after Paul wrote this letter)*



Rome

Ephesus

Laodicea

Hierapolis

Colossae



Epaphras: The Man

:: **Converted when Paul was in Ephesus
(Acts 19-20)**

:: ***He was from Colossae (Colossians 4:12)***

:: **Epaphras was likely a disciple of Paul
(Colossians 1:7, 4:12, Philemon 1:23)**

:: ***He was arrested for preaching the gospel
(Philemon 1:23)***

Epaphras: The Message

:: Be a Loyal and Trustworthy Friend.

(Colossians 1:7)

:: *Be a Faithful Minister of Christ.*

(Colossians 1:7)

:: Share the true Gospel.

of Christ with others. (Colossians 1:7)

Epaphras: The Message

:: **Be a person of prayer. (Colossians 4:12)**

:: *Do the work of an evangelist.*

(Colossians 4:13)

:: **Work hard for those you lead.**

(Colossians 4:13)

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Provision, every day



4:12 PM

Colossians 4:12, every day



5:00 PM

Power, every day



7:00 PM

People, every day

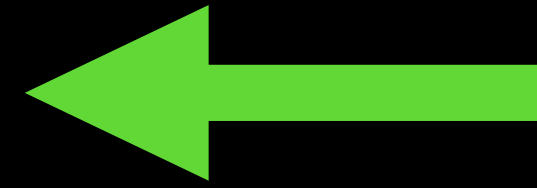


9:00 PM

Plans, every day



**My daily reminder
to pray for us based
upon Colossians
4:12.**



World Clock



Alarm



Stopwatch



Timer

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Points to consider:

- :: Are you a convert of Jesus Christ?
- :: *Are you in a friendship that intentionally encourages your growth and discipleship?*
- :: Are you agonizing in prayer?
- :: *Are you sharing your testimony?*
- :: Are you laboring for God's kingdom and others?