



**Series:** Life With Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Share Your Faith

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### Colossians 4:2-18

Paul and many others have devoted themselves to preaching the good news of Jesus. They've equipped themselves with prayer, evangelizing, and encouraging each other in fellowship.

**Big Idea:** Devote yourselves to sharing the good news of Jesus in your lives.

This is done through

### PRAYER

#### Colossians 4:2-4

'The Westminster Catechism' does a great job at summarizing the answer to what prayer is: *Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies.*

The reason it's important to understand this and actually pray is because as you go out and share all that Jesus has done for you, in other words, evangelize, Satan will be looking to devour you. To discourage you, to silence you. And so Paul gives us 4 kinds of prayer to lean into.

God delights in and is eager to hear our prayers **Proverbs 15:8, Isaiah 65:24**

#### 1. Watchful Prayer

Pray that the Lord would protect you and keep you sober-minded to the realities of spiritual warfare. **1 Peter 5:8**

#### 2. Thankful Prayer

Thankful prayer is encouraging prayer.

#### 3. Evangelistic Prayer

Pray for opportunities to share your testimony.

#### 4. Clear Prayer

This means you would speak clearly to those you share your faith with.

Continually and intentionally. **1 Thessalonians 5:16, Luke 5:16**

**EVANGELISM**, or the act of sharing your faith  
**Colossians 4:5-6**

In personal evangelism, many of life's greatest, deepest, and eternal connections are waiting to be formed. But in order to experience them, we need to say yes to the opportunities that God gives us.

**1. Wise Behavior (Verse 5)**

This looks like being creative and yet tactful in the way you share your faith. Psalm 19:7, James, Proverbs

**2. Salty Speech (verse 6)**

make sure what we say is actually appetizing to the people we're serving it up to. Let them know why following Jesus is so amazing!

**3. Individual attention (Verse 6)**

Recognize that every person will have a different background, different weight they carry, and a different part of your story they connect with.

**FELLOWSHIP**

**Colossians 4:9**

Now, Paul ends Colossians with a long list of names. And when he says "they," he's referring to People who serve alongside him in ministry. Paul is not doing ministry alone. Paul is not evangelizing alone.

Who will you serve alongside? Do you know who those people are? If you were to write me a letter like Paul today, who would you mention at the bottom of this letter?

If you don't know who those people are, I encourage you to join a small group. Do the work of seeking out this core group of people who will encourage you when you are low, call you out when you are lost, and support you when you share your faith.

Devote yourselves to sharing the good news of Jesus in your life. And don't do it alone.

### Discussion Questions:

- **What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?**
- **How could you encourage a Christian who is hesitant to evangelize?**
- **Why is it important to be aware of how you say something to someone?**
- **Are you comfortable sharing the gospel with unbelievers? Why or why not?**
- **Describe your prayer life. Do you need to change anything? Explain**
- **Would your life be impacted if you were told you could no longer share the gospel or pray? Explain**