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INTRODUCTION

Sometimes in attempts to do a good thing, we unintentionally create harm. Consider the emphasis on empowerment and independence in our society. In an effort to cultivate personal responsibility and cultivate strength, we can ignore the importance of interdependence. We can pretend that we do not have limitations. We can embrace the “I can do it all!” mentality that leaves many wounded and alone. Some things were never meant to be done alone, especially the Christian life and spiritual growth.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:1-14

Who is Paul addressing in this letter? What terms does he use to signal his audience?

What does Paul pray for specifically in the lives of this Christian community?

DISCUSSION

Have you ever attempted to do something alone, that you couldn't pull off by yourself? Share a story or two.



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DISCUSSION CONTINUED...

Read Colossians 1:9.

Why is it impossible for this to happen apart from Christian community?

Read Colossians 1:11.

How have you benefited in the area of “strength and endurance” during a difficult time as the result of someone in your life who was there to support, encourage and challenge you?

How have you suffered from not having or leaning into spiritual community in hard times?

APPLICATION

What specific applications stand out in Colossians 1:1-14?

How can you customize Paul’s prayer for those in your inner circle?

Is there someone you can call or write this week to thank for “being there for you” when you needed it most?
