

Rooted In The Mission

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INTRODUCTION

Paul's words in Colossians 4 remind us that faith isn't meant to be stationary. If you're truly rooted in Christ, that should move you forward into mission, into purpose, and into relationship. Being rooted in Christ isn't just about growing deep; it's about reaching wide. If your faith is real, it won't stay private. It will go public.

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KEY POINTS

1. Pray in a Way That Opens Doors

Paul doesn't begin by telling the Colossians to preach louder; he tells them to pray deeper. He says, "Devote yourselves to prayer." This isn't casual prayer. It's continual, committed, and expectant prayer. Paul tells us to stay alert in prayer with thanksgiving because effective mission starts on our knees.

Paul isn't praying for comfort or success. He's praying for access. He asks God to open doors for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ. Before we talk to people about God, we need to talk to God about people. Prayer aligns our heart with God's heart, prepares the soil before the seed is sown, and invites the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. Speak in a Way That Reflects Jesus

Paul shifts from prayer to presence when he says, “Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.” He reminds us that we may be the only Jesus someone ever sees, so we must represent Christ well. To make the most of the time means to redeem the moment and to recognize that every interaction carries eternal weight.

Paul goes on to say, “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt.” Salt preserves, adds value, and creates thirst. If our words don’t sound like Jesus, our witness won’t point to Jesus. In other words, the gospel isn’t just something to admire...it’s something to deliver.

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Our words should echo the kindness, patience, and grace of Christ. Living on mission doesn't have to be complicated. Evangelism is simply one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. Speak with grace, speak with intention, and speak in a way that reflects Jesus.

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3. Live in a Way That Contributes to the Team

The final section of Colossians lists names of people who each played a role in the mission. Paul reminds us that mission is a team sport. Each name represents a story, a role, and a contribution. Every person mattered, and every contribution moved the mission forward.

Paul validates their faithfulness and reminds us that in God's Kingdom, everyone has a place and a purpose. Winning churches equip and mobilize everyone to pull on the same side of the rope for the glory of God. When everyone does their part, the mission advances.

Paul closes with a personal charge: "Pay attention to the ministry you have received in the Lord, so that you can accomplish it." You have a ministry. You've been given something to accomplish. Don't ignore it. Embrace it. When you make yourself available, God will make you usable.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What does it look like in your life to move from “standing still” to living actively on mission?
2. How can prayer become your first response rather than your last resort when it comes to sharing your faith?
3. What ministry or role has God entrusted to you right now, and how can you faithfully step into it this week?