

CHRIST OVER ALL

TODAY'S NOTES

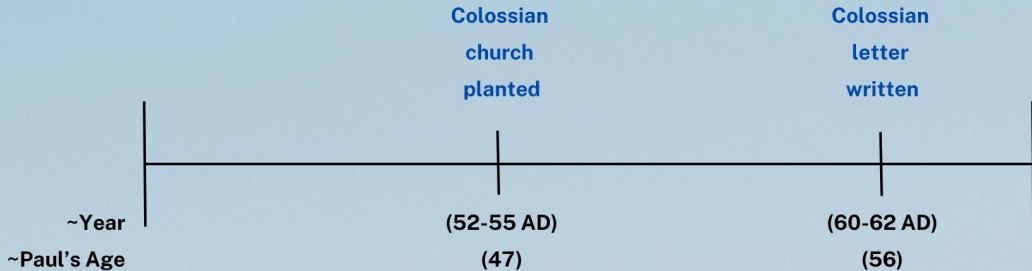


COLOSSIANS:

THE SUPREMACY & SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS



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COLOSSIANS 4

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**Paul & Silas
in prison
(Acts 16)**

(49-50 AD)

(40)

**Colossian
church
planted**

(52-55 AD)

(47)

**Colossian
letter
written**

(60-62 AD)

(56)

~Year

~Paul's Age



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ACTS 16: PAUL AND SILAS IN PHILIPPI

“A living parable in a literal prison”



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**How a Christian manages
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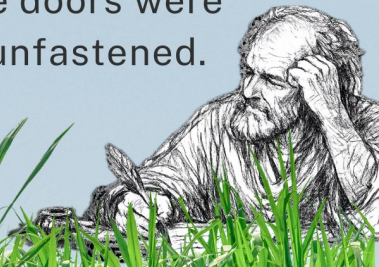
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**ARE YOU TEMPTED TO BELIEVE
THAT GOD CANNOT/WILL NOT
USE YOU IN YOUR CONTEXT?**



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moves through doors
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(and sometimes the door is closed)



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CLARITY



ACTS 16

27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28

But **Paul cried with a loud voice**, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas.



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WISDOM



ACTS 16

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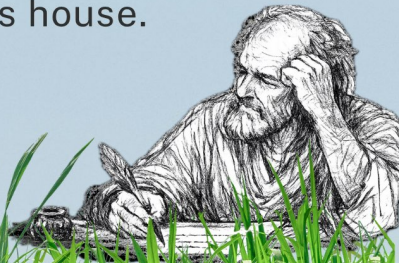
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JOHN 10:27-28

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”



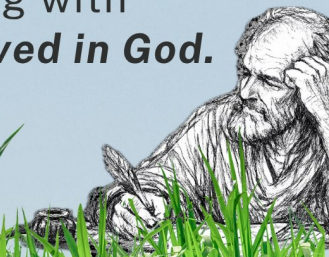
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When we realize that “OUR”

DIFFICULTIES & OPPORTUNITIES

are not actually about us...

There **REMAINS A GREAT REWARD** for us.



IS THE WAY I MANAGE DIFFICULTY
A WITNESS OR A WEAKNESS IN MY LIFE?

AM I PRAYING FOR GOD TO OPEN DOORS AND PREPARING
MYSELF TO WALK THROUGH THEM IN WORD & ACTION

LET'S RESPOND TOGETHER:

STAND AND SING
FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD
GIVE AN OFFERING
PRAY ON THE PORCH

