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CHRIST ENTHRONED. HUMAN EXISTENCE REDEFINED.

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Colossians 4:12-17

Christ Enthroned: Human Experience Redefined



1. What adventures and unknowns are currently confronting you? (How is the bedrock of your life being redefined?)

- Waves just keep coming — pressures of time, family, politics, money, etc.
- While “waves of life” continue to rage, God invites us to enter into these storm as He allows us to work through worlds of circumstances and people which we enter.

2. How are we to redefine our existence by redirecting our focus?

Read Col 2:8. See to it that _____ takes you _____ through _____ and _____ philosophy, which depends on human _____ and the elemental _____ forces of this _____ rather than on _____.

3. What practice does Paul urge in **Col 4:2-4** — in what ways should we focus to do so?

4. How does Paul describe Epaphras in **v12-13**?

v12b. He is always _____ in _____ for you, that you may _____ in all the will of God, _____ and fully _____.

v13. I vouch for him that he is _____ for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis.

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Epaphras was from Colossae (4:12). Epaphras is called a “faithful minister” (1:7). The cities of Laodicea and Hierapolis both had thriving churches in the first century (4:12, Rev 3:14-22). Paul tells the church that Epaphras has reported their faith to Paul, and in 4:12 Paul describes Epaphras as “wrestling in prayer” on behalf of the church while he is working hard in other churches. The Colossian believers learned from Epaphras, who learned from Paul.

- How you might need to wrestle with the “waves” that put you under pressure? How might you redefine the way you wrestle with the “waves” confronting or approaching you?

5. How are followers of Jesus called to grow in their capacity for God’s work and serving others?

1 Corinthians 15:58. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand _____. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves _____ to the work of the Lord, because you know that your _____ in the Lord is not in _____.

Exodus 14:13. Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.

2 Chronicles 20b. Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have _____ in the _____ _____ and you will be _____

6. What areas do you need to ask God to help you / others ride toward places He is working/advancing?

7. What you might provide more capacity to God’s priorities and needs of others?

