

The Mystery and the Mission

Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. (Colossians 1:28)

A SERVANT OF GOD IS A CONQUEROR

1:24 – 25a

Paul endured his suffering to build the church of Jesus Christ.

Paul's suffering was connected to the mission given to him by Jesus.

Paul viewed his hardships as a participation in the afflictions of his Savior.

Use your suffering as an _____ to continue your mission.

Recognize suffering is only an enemy if you let it conquer your faith.

Choose to have an _____ perspective on your earthly circumstances.

A SERVANT OF GOD IS A MENTOR

1:25b – 29

Paul taught the gospel's fulfillment in Christ alone and its impact for all nations.

The Gentiles learned the glories of Christ and their inclusion in His redemptive plan.

Paul partnered evangelism with discipleship in his mission to mature the church.

All Paul strove to accomplish for Christ's sake was enabled by Christ's strength.

Thank God for those who made the word of God fully known to you.

Ask God to lead you to someone who you can present _____ in Christ.

A SERVANT OF GOD IS A MINISTER

2:1-5

Paul encouraged the church with his heartfelt love for each of them.

Paul desired the church to be unified in love and a deepening faith in Jesus Christ.

To strengthen the church members, Paul alerted them to the risk of spiritual deception.

Though Paul was not with them, he celebrated the discipline and faith of the church.

Seek out ways you can be a sacrificial _____ in the church.

Adopt the disciplines that will keep you from believing persuasive falsehoods.

Look for ways to _____ the spiritual victories in each other's lives.

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Acts 9:15-16

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

1 John 5:4

For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world- our faith.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Galatians 3:24-28

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:16a

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...

1 Peter 2:4-5

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.