

Better Together

Colossians 4:7-18

Fellow Workers, Faithful Friends

4:7-14

Paul's ministry team came from differing cultural and personal backgrounds, yet worked together as one body, with Christ as the head, to strengthen the church in Colossae.

Tychicus and Onesimus served humbly as Paul's messengers.

Aristarchus traveled with Paul through Rome, Jerusalem, and Ephesus. As a loyal and courageous team member, Paul called him "fellow prisoner."

Mark had parted ways with Paul but through forgiveness and _____ returned as Paul's faithful coworker.

Out of his deep love and concern for believers in Colossae, Epaphras prayed earnestly they would stand firm in their faith.

As a "beloved physician," Luke cared for the physical and spiritual needs of Paul's ministry team.

Final Greetings

4:15-18

The public reading of the letter to the church in Laodicea and in the house of Nympha sought to _____ believers in their faith.

The body of believers in Colossae shared the responsibility in helping Archippus stay fully devoted to his ministry.

Paul reminded the Colossians to persevere in prayer because he needed their support.

We are better together when we:

_____ in the work God gives us.

_____ Christ in the way we live and work together.

_____ and affirm each member's contribution to the body of Christ.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ. Romans 12:4-5

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Colossians 3:11

Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Philemon 10-12

I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart.

Acts 19:29

So the city was filled with the confusion, and they rushed together into the theater, dragging with them Gaius and Aristarchus, Macedonians who were Paul's companions in travel.

Acts 15:36-41

And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. And there arose a sharp disagreement, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

2 Timothy 4:11

Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

Colossians 3:12-13

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

2 Timothy 4:9-10a

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica...

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together, if one member is honored, all rejoice together.