

MESSAGE NOTES

Steadfast: A Study of Colossians

What the Spirit of God Speaks to the Faithful

Pastor Craig Sweeney | October 9, 2022

Thread: By the will of God, YOU are chosen to be steadfast.

Key Text: “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people...” Colossians 1:1–4 NIV

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother”...and Timothy our brother”

- The deep friendships of the early church.
- As strong as Paul is, his steadfastness included others.
 - “I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong — that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.”
Romans 1:11-12 NIV
 - The people we stand with:
 - ◇ Encourage
 - ◇ Challenge
 - ◇ Help
 - Who stands steadfast with you?

“To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ”

- Set apart - The people who are His...
 - It’s about IDENTITY.
- Sacrifice - The part I GIVE to God for His desire.
 - “...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it... If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes...”
Mark 8:34-38 NIV

- “I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:1 – 2 NIV

- Righteous
- Present and predictable
- Steady and strong
- On a scale of 1-10, how “FAITHFUL” have you been?
- By the will of God, who are you?

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father.”

- The steadfast are fed by God.
 - Grace
 - Peace
 - Chair Time
 - Receiving from God
 - Exercising our faith

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Colossians 1:1 - 4 NIV

Challenge:

- Chair Time challenge (3 - 5 days a week for 15 minutes or more.) Please refer to card in the planner.
- Read through Colossians for the next 8 weeks.
- Listen and exercise your faith to become more steadfast in Christ.



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