

Steadfast: A Study of Colossians

What the Spirit of God Speaks to the Faithful

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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 (2011)

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

- Paul himself is an example of being steadfast.

“By the will of God”

- Do you know you ARE CHOSEN?
 - What, by the WILL of God, are you doing?
 - Married?
 - Children?
 - Job?
 - Friends?
 - Serving?

“and Timothy our brother”

- 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 (2011)
 - The people we stand with:
 - Encourage
 - Challenge
 - Help
 - Stand with
 - Who stands steadfast with you?

“To God’s holy people in Colossae”

- Sacrifice
- Set apart
- Righteous
- By the will of God, who are you?

“the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ”

- Present and predictable
- Steady and strong
- On a scale of 1-10, how “FAITHFUL” have you been?

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father”

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

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Challenge:

-Chair Time challenge (3-5 days a week for 15 minutes or more.) Please refer to the 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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