

## Revive

Resolve and Restore

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- 7) Paul prays not for the Colossians' comfort but for their "endurance and patience with joy." What does that tell us about how God revives His people in hard seasons, and what would change in your prayer life if you prayed this for yourself?
- 8) Paul uses the language of a citizenship transfer. What does that mean practically for a believer who is still surrounded by reminders of their old life, and where do you still feel the pull of that old "country"?
- 9) In one paragraph Paul tells us Jesus created every throne and authority in existence and then bled to death on a cross for the people who rebelled against Him. What does this teach us about Christ's character and how does it encourage you?
- 10) Paul ties our reconciliation to one important condition — "if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast." What does perseverance look like in real life, and what practices keep you stable when your faith feels shaky?
- 11) In what ways do you need Jesus to revive your soul this week?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

- 1) Sit quietly with Colossians 1:13–14 each morning this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to name one lie from your past that is still acting like it has authority over you. Surrender that lie to Jesus and ask Him to help you with the truth.
- 2) Pray Psalm 119:92–93 back to God as your own words. Name the affliction you are currently walking through and ask Him to revive you by His precepts in that exact place.
- 3) Who can you encourage and strengthen this week with what you have learned? Call them and share it with them.

**Thread:** "If Your law had not been my delight, then I would have perished in my **affliction**. I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have **revived** me." **Psalm 119:92-93 NASB**

**Revive:** Came to life, come alive, give life, healed, keep him alive, nourished, preserved

*"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."*

**Colossians 1:1-12 ESV**

**How was I qualified and given a share in His inheritance?**

*"He has **delivered** us from the domain of darkness and **transferred** us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have **redemption**, the **forgiveness** of sins." **Colossians 1:1-12 ESV***

**What does this statement mean for a woman/man/teen/child who is a part of the church at Colossae?**

- It means they are free!

**The REAL authority that exists in the kingdom of darkness over them was broken.**

Paul reminds them of what Jesus has done for them.

Revive yourself with the truth of God's words to you.

What's the TRUTH over the LIE? To be Restored I have to Resolve this.

- You are no longer part of that kingdom.

### Challenge:

- Do you feel the desire to be revived by His Word?
- Find yourself in God's Word more often.
- Am I living into my freedom, or am I controlled by my past?
- Ask God to show you the truth of His Word.

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# Homework

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### MY STORY

- 1) If you could trade your current passport today for citizenship in any fictional kingdom — Narnia, Wakanda, the Shire, Hogwarts, Asgard, anywhere — where would you move and what is the first thing you would do as a brand-new citizen?
- 2) What is one item in your house right now that you absolutely refuse to throw away — even though everyone in your family thinks you should — and what's the story behind it?

### QUICK REVIEW

- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME

Read **Colossians 1:1–26 (ESV)**

- 4) In a culture where surveys show roughly 17% of practicing Christians strongly agree that AI is a spiritual authority worth listening to (and the best AI is only about 64% accurate on Christian theology), why does it matter where you go for spiritual truth, and where are you most tempted right now to outsource your discernment?
- 5) Paul tells the Colossians the Gospel is “bearing fruit and increasing in the whole world.” What is he doing for them by saying that, and why do we need to hear the same thing today?
- 6) Paul prays first that the Colossians would be “filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.” What is the difference between knowing about God and being filled with the knowledge of His will. How would that same prayer impact your life if you prayed that for each other in your group over the next couple of weeks?