

Homework

Revive, Resolve and Restore

Spring 2026 | Week 8

Message Date 5/24/2026

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)**

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which 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, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And 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, ¹⁰so 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; ¹¹being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in

light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

- 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?
- 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.