

We are Together.

The Book of Colossians — EPISODE 4 (Colossians 2:1-5)

Colossians 2:1–5 (NLT) ¹ I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. ² I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. ³ In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. ⁴ I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. ⁵ For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

(1) “Knit together” is a unity due to Christ.

Psalms 133 “1 How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! 2 For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. 3 Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.”

Unity is one of the greatest expressions or culminations of love.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (NLT) — ⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

(2) “Strong faith” is a faith directed at Christ.

A strong faith is a radiant faith.

We bring faith to life.

These two things that move the heart of God on our behalf: UNITY + FAITH.

We are together. Being unified as God-honoring, joyful, generous contributors.

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Transforming Presence

Counter Formation

Essential Mission

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PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Bible Recap reading plan with a friend.

Recite this prayer each day:

Father, Your Kingdom is unified. May I experience the blessing of unity in my life as I keep my eyes on You. Show me how to love others. Jesus, may my faith be radiant and strong in You. Holy Spirit, may I become bold to step out of my comfort zone and participate in Your Kingdom.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Colossians 2:1-5. What do you notice in this passage?
- Sunday's message was about Unity and Faith. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?
- Have you ever participated in a three-legged race? What made it difficult? What made it successful?
- Read Psalm 133. What are some things you notice in the passage?
- What are some attributes of a radiant faith?
- Do you currently serve at church? How has that impacted your faith?
- Say the following prayer slowly as a group: *Father, Your Kingdom is unified. May I experience the blessing of unity in my life as I keep my eyes on You. Show me how to love others. Jesus, may my faith be radiant and strong in You. Holy Spirit, may I become bold to step out of my comfort zone and participate in Your Kingdom.*