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**A Journey into True Freedom and Lasting Impact**

## **Introduction: Why You Are Still Here**

Heaven is perfect.

Earth is hard.

If heaven is so good and life here is so challenging, why doesn't God take us home the moment we are saved?

The answer is simple—and powerful.

Because the moment you give your life to Christ, you receive a mission.

You are not just saved *from* something.

You are saved *for* something.

God leaves us on earth because we become His ambassadors, His representatives, His witnesses. We carry the message of hope, freedom, and salvation into a broken world.

The apostle Paul understood this better than anyone. Even while imprisoned, chained, and limited, he never stopped living on mission.

In Colossians chapter 4, Paul reminds the church—and us—what really matters.

This book is about that reminder.

This book is about freedom, purpose, and mission.

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## **Chapter 1 – Freedom Was the Point**

Paul writes to the church in Colossae because they were drifting.

Not into obvious sin—but into something just as dangerous.

They were adding *things* to the gospel.

Rules. Traditions. Philosophies.

Legalism on one side. Extreme self-denial on the other.

Paul's message is clear:

The gospel plus anything is no longer the gospel.

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Christ is sufficient.

Freedom is not optional—it is the point.

As Paul wrote elsewhere:

“It is for freedom that Christ has set you free.” (Galatians 5:1)

But freedom is not permission to live for ourselves.

Freedom is the power to live for God’s purpose.

And that purpose always includes others.

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### **Chapter 2 – Evangelism Begins on Your Knees**

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

*(Colossians 4:2)*

Paul doesn’t start with strategy.

He starts with prayer.

Evangelism does not begin with bold words—it begins with bowed heads.

Before we speak to people about God, we must speak to God about people.

Prayer does three powerful things:

#### *1. It Aligns Your Heart with God’s Heart*

God desires that no one would perish. When you pray for the lost, your priorities begin to match His.

#### *2. It Grows Your Love for People*

You cannot consistently pray for someone and remain indifferent toward them.

#### *3. It Invites God to Work*

Prayer removes spiritual blindness. It opens hearts. It prepares the soil.

Paul doesn’t say *pray occasionally*.

He says devote yourselves—persist, continue, refuse to give up.

Practical Step:

Write down the names of four people who are far from God. Pray for them daily.

Prayer is not preparation for evangelism.

Prayer is evangelism.

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### **Chapter 3 – Stay Spiritually Alert**

“Be watchful...” (Colossians 4:2)

Paul urges believers to stay alert—not physically, but spiritually.

Spiritually alert people:

- See others through eternal lenses
- Notice when God is stirring hearts
- Recognize moments of openness and need

Every conversation holds potential.

Every struggle is an opportunity.

Every question may be a door God is opening.

Paul didn't ask God to change his circumstances.

He asked God to open doors within them.

And God did.

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### **Chapter 4 – Redeeming Every Opportunity**

“Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time.”

*(Colossians 4:5)*

Paul practiced what he preached.

While imprisoned, chained to Roman guards, he shared Christ.

Those guards believed.

And soon, believers were found even in Caesar's household.

Paul teaches us a vital truth:

There is no wasted place when you live on mission.

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Do not wait for perfect conditions.

They rarely come.

God works in prisons, offices, schools, kitchens, hospitals, and neighborhoods.

Your situation is not an obstacle—it is a platform.

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### **Chapter 5 – Let Your Life Speak**

The gospel is not only proclaimed—it is demonstrated.

People are watching:

- How you respond to pressure
- How you treat others
- Whether your faith is visible or just verbal

A transformed life raises questions.

Consistency creates curiosity.

When people see peace in chaos, joy in hardship, and hope in uncertainty, they will ask:

“What’s different about you?”

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### **Chapter 6 – Speak with Grace and Wisdom**

“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt...”

*(Colossians 4:6)*

Paul assumes people will ask about our faith.

Our response matters.

Evangelism is not a script.

It is a conversation guided by the Holy Spirit.

Our words should be:

- Gracious, not harsh

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- Wise, not forceful
- Personal, not generic

Grace opens doors.

Truth keeps them open.

Some believers live well but never speak.

Others speak loudly but live poorly.

God calls us to both.

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### **Chapter 7 – The Main Thing**

At the end of the letter, Paul brings it all together.

Freedom leads to purpose.

Purpose leads to mission.

You are free—not to live inward, but outward.

Not to build comfort, but to build the Kingdom.

Many of us are here today because:

- A praying parent
- A faithful friend
- A courageous coworker

Now it is our turn.

The main thing must remain the main thing.

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### **Conclusion – Your Next Step**

Stop for a moment.

Ask God to place four faces in your mind.

Four names.

Four people who need Jesus.

Write them down.

Pray daily.

Watch for opportunities.

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Live authentically.

Speak graciously.

You may never see all the impact of your obedience.

But eternity will.

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**\*\*You are free.**

You are called.

Now go—and be His witness.\*\*.

